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READY TO HOST SAARC SUMMIT, INDIA CAN JOIN VIRTUALLY: PAK

Pakistan Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi said on Monday his country is ready to host the 19th SAARC summit

REGIONAL BLOC DYSFUNCTIONAL SINCE 2016

SAARC — a regional grouping comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka — has not been very active since 2016. "India has made this forum dysfunctional because of its stubbornness. They are not ready to come to Islamabad," Qureshi alleged, expressing hope that New Delhi will attend the next meet at least virtually

'HINDUTVA THINKING HURTS RELATIONS'

- The 2016 summit in Islamabad was called off after India and a few others pulled out following a terror attack on an Indian Army camp in Uri, Jammu & Kashmir
- Qureshi blamed India's 'Hindutva thinking' for sabotaging the prospects of good ties between the two countries

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THE LAST SAARC SUMMIT WAS HELD MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO IN KATHMANDU

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China building a bridge to link Pangong banks

Aware of construction on the lake, says Army

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

AMID the continuing Sino-India stand-off at multiple points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in East Ladakh, it has now emerged that China is building a bridge to link the North and South banks of the Pangong Lake. Both sides disengaged from the lake in February last after being locked in an eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation for months.

"The construction of the bridge is going on for some time and we are well aware of it," a source confirmed. It is roughly 25 km ahead of the LAC on the Chinese side where the gap between the two banks of the lake is around 500 metres, the source added. The bridge will reduce the cross country distance by 150 km, which now is around 200 km, and slash by one-third the present travel time of 12 hours.

On the North bank, one end of the bridge is close to Khurnak Fort and the other end near the Moldo Garrison on the South bank. The Pangong Tso is a 135 km long high altitude (around 14,300 ft) lake with around 45 km on the Indian side of the LAC.

On August 29, 2020, the Army had offset the tactical balance in favour of India by occupying the Kailash Ranges, which brought the Moldo Garrison of the PLA under direct observation, making China uneasy.

This newspaper broke the story about the Chinese forces clashing with the Indian Army at Finger 4 in May 2020 and mobilising their forces in stand-off deployment at various points. The tensions between the two sides led to a deadly clash on June 15, 2020 in which both sides lost lives.

On February 11, 2021, the two sides reached an agreement and disengagement took place on both the banks of the Pangong Lake. The Indian claim line is at Finger 8 where the Chinese troops moved back after removing all the construction done during the stand-off period. Disengagement also took place at Galwan and Gogra.

The mountain spurs descending towards Pangong Lake are called Fingers and they are from 1 to 8.

Both sides continue to hold talks at the military and the diplomatic levels to resolve the stand-off and disengage.

Over 50,000 troops on either side

Despite 13 rounds of Corps Commander-level talks and disengagements at a few places, more than 50,000 troops are still stationed on each side along with artillery, tanks, missiles and heavy machinery

THE STORY IN NUMBERS

40,02,782 Adolescents administered Covaxin on Day One

6.46% Case positivity rate in Delhi, though only **4.65%** of Covid beds in hospitals are occupied

FIVE Poll-bound states asked by EC to step up Covid vaccination drive, deploy only double-jabbed on election duty

100+ Kolkata doctors in different hospitals tested positive for Covid in the last 24 hrs

50% Of Central govt staff below under secretary level allowed to work from home

81% Of latest samples that underwent genome sequencing in Delhi test positive for Omicron

66 Of 2,000 people on board Cordelia cruise ship at Goa port test Covid positive

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and his cabinet colleagues at the launch of the Covid-19 vaccination drive for teenagers, in Bengaluru on Monday

K'taka sees 10 more Omicron cases, tally at 76

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

KARNATAKA reported 10 more cases of Omicron, taking the tally of this highly-contagious Covid variant to 76 on Monday.

"Ten new cases of Omicron have been confirmed in Karnataka on January 2," tweeted Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Of the new cases, eight, including five international travellers, were from Bengaluru and two from Dharwad. Two are non-vaccinated children, while the remaining are adults who are fully vaccinated. One is a 19-year-old male, who travelled from the US to Bengaluru and developed mild symptoms later and tested positive. He had three primary contacts who are all positive and five secondary contacts who are negative.

The country's first two Omicron cases were reported in Karnataka on December 2. **P5**

Cabinet meet today, tougher curbs likely

The Karnataka government is likely to restrict large gatherings, following the CM's meeting with an expert committee on Tuesday, followed by the cabinet meeting on Thursday. They will discuss the Covid situation and take appropriate decisions for long-term measures to tackle Covid-positive cases, especially the Omicron variant. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said the experts have been asked to suggest appropriate control measures without affecting people's routine life. **P4**

Adolescent shots within shelf life: Govt

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

A major controversy broke out on Monday on using vials of Covaxin whose labels said they were past their expiry date, when the vaccination window opened for the adolescents, forcing the Centre to issue a clarification.

Several people took to social media to allege that their children were being administered Covaxin from vials that showed they were past their expiry dates, but hospitals, in separate sheets, had assigned revised expiry dates and claimed they were within their shelf life. The Union health ministry rejected the allegations, calling them "false and misleading and based on incomplete information".

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation had on October 25 last year, in response to an application by Bharat Biotech, approved the extension of shelf life of Covaxin from 9 months to 12 months. Likewise, the shelf life of Covishield was extended from 6 months to 9 months in February. "The shelf life of vaccines is extended by the national regulator based on comprehensive analysis and examination of stability study data," the statement read.

Officials added that Bharat Biotech could take back the Covaxin stocks from hospitals and release them after re-labelling to avoid confusion. Over 40 lakh adolescents took their shots on Day 1.

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
Jan 2 **23,30,706 doses**
Jan 3 **90,47,637 doses** (till 7 pm)
TOTAL DOSES **1,46,61,36,622**

NATIONWIDE	JAN 2	JAN 3
Fresh cases	27,553	33,750
Recoveries	9,249	10,846
Deaths	284	123

KARNATAKA	JAN 2	JAN 3
Fresh cases	1,187	1,290
Recoveries	275	232
Deaths	6	5

Vaccine mix works, finds new study

Hyderabad: A pilot study by AIG hospital along with Asian Healthcare Foundation has found that mixing of vaccines is not just safe but also effective. The study is in its preprint stage **P7**

Haveri tops, Bengaluru fares bad in vaxxing teens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

BENGALURU Urban, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) area and 13 other districts fell below the state average of 65 per cent coverage on the first day of vaccination for 15-18 age segment for the first dose, launched by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at the BBMP Higher Primary and Pre-University College, Bairaveshwara Nagar, Moodalapalya, in Bengaluru on Monday.

Bengaluru Urban is the third lowest, while BBMP area is the 13th lowest in the 31 districts listed.

As per data compiled till 9.30 pm, Bengaluru Urban was only able to reach 34 per cent or 9,213 doses of its targeted 32,800, while BBMP area did a shade better with 57 per cent or 22,604 doses of its target of 40,000.

On the other hand, 10 districts did exceedingly well, crossing the 100 percent target. They were Haveri (the highest with 281 per cent), Belagavi (240 per cent), Dharwad (230 per cent), Kolar (210 per cent), Hassan (139 per cent), Chikkamagaluru (136 per cent), Kalaburagi (124 per cent), Uttara Kannada (110 per cent), Udupi (105 per cent) and Kodagu (103 per cent). **P5**

Pvt school makes jab must for board exam

St Mary's Girls High School in Bengaluru's Miller's Road has informed parents that students need to get vaccinated before the board exam. They said since it is compulsory, BBMP will organise a vax camp in the school itself. **P2**

RACE FOR IIMs

CAT results out, Karnataka man gets 99.99 pc

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

Nine candidates have scored 100 percentile in the Common Admission Test (CAT), whose results were announced on Monday. All of them are male, while seven are engineers. Nineteen candidates, including one from Karnataka, have secured 99.99 per cent.

The test was conducted on November 28 and 85 per cent, or 1.92 lakh, of the 2.3 lakh registered candidates appeared for one of the toughest entrance tests in the country. The results were announced by the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad, and are made available on the official website, iimcat.ac.in.

With this, Indian Institutes of Management and other business schools will announce the cutoffs for admissions soon.

Joblessness in states

Among states, Haryana witnessed the highest jobless rate in December at 34.1%, followed by Rajasthan (27.1%), Jharkhand (17.3%, Bihar (16%), J&K (15%), and Tripura (14.7%)

Unemployment rate spikes to 4-month high in Dec '21

SAMIKSHA GOEL @ New Delhi

INDIA's unemployment rate touched a four-month high of 7.91% in December 2021 against 7% in November and 7.75% in October, data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) on Monday showed.

Urban unemployment rate was 9.30% in December while it was 7.28% for rural areas. In November, the figures were 7% and 8.21%, respectively.

The last time the unemployment rate soared was in August 2021, at 8.3%. The latest spike seems to be linked to the Omicron-driven Covid surge, according to Yeshab Giri, chief commercial officer — staffing at HR consultancy firm Randstad India.

"Due to rising Omicron cases, many employees have reverse-migrated to their home towns. Restricted attendance in offices could be the cause of stalling in the hiring plans of many companies across sectors," said Giri, adding that the overall consumer sentiment has also fallen as people prefer to stay at home. Sounding optimistic, he said this is a temporary phase.

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B'luru engineering student held in Bulli Bai case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai, New delhi

THE Mumbai police arrested a second-year civil engineering student, aged 21, from Bengaluru in connection with the Bulli Bai case. A case has been registered against unknown culprits under relevant sections of Indian Penal Code and Information Technology Act.

Maharashtra Minister of State for Home Satej Patil said the Mumbai Police have achieved a breakthrough in the case. "Though we cannot disclose the details at this moment, as it may hamper the ongoing investigation, I would like to assure all the victims that we are proactively chasing the culprits and they will face the law very soon," he added.

The police said the arrested person from Bengaluru was running one of the offending Twitter handles and uploading the content. The police sought information from Twitter and acted swiftly.

The offending app was morphing photographs of Muslim girls and women, and uploading them. The app, which has since been blocked by the hosting platform GitHub, appeared to be a clone of Sulli Deals, which triggered a similar row last year.

Politicians in Maharashtra had raised the issue and promised action against those targeting women from the particular community on social media.

In Delhi, the police sought details from GitHub about the developer of the 'Bulli Bai' app and asked Twitter to block and remove related "offensive contents" on its platform. The police have also sought from Twitter information about the account handler who first tweeted about the app.

This is the second time that the Mumbai police have acted swiftly. Earlier, they had arrested an engineer from Bengaluru for posting an offensive message about a cricketer's daughter.

EXPRESS READ

Daughter-in-law of ex-MLA held for IS links

Mangaluru: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested Mariyam alias Deepati Marla, daughter-in-law of former MLA late B M Idinabba, from her residence in Mangaluru in connection with alleged links with terror outfit ISIS. | **P4**

Sameer Wankhede's tenure with NCB ends

Mumbai: The tenure of NCB Mumbai zonal director Sameer Wankhede with the agency has ended and his services have been put at the disposal of his parent organisation DRI. He was in the limelight following raids on a cruise in which Aryan Khan, son of actor Shah Rukh Khan, was held.

The all-India tiger assessment report is likely to be released on July 29, 2022

Tiger census from Jan 15 in state sans volunteers

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE eagerly-awaited tiger census, the line transect and sign survey, will kickstart in the state's tiger reserves from January 15. The exercise that was pending for the last three months will be completed by February-end and submitted to the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) and Wildlife Institute of India (WII).

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change aims to release the all-India tiger assessment report on July 29, 2022, which is Tiger Day.

"As the field exercise was delayed, the stress was on the most-important aspect of the assessment, the camera-trap method. It started in October and most parts of the reserves and sanctuaries have been covered. Now, we will start the remaining part of the assessment — sign survey and transect-line assessment. We will start from January 15 and complete it by the month-end in tiger reserves and tiger-prevailing areas. In other forest patches, it will be completed by mid-February. No volunteers are being roped in this time," a senior forest department official told *The New Indian Express*. **P7**

KOHLI

MISSES OUT SECOND TEST, KL RAHUL STEPS IN

In a major setback for Team India, Virat Kohli was on Monday ruled out of the second Test against South Africa in Johannesburg just before the start of the game because of an upper back spasm, leaving KL Rahul to lead the side in the crucial match. In more disappointment, India were all out for 202 on Day 1 of the match | **P15**

NOT SO SWEET

In a pickle... less mangoes in market this year

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

HERE is disappointing news for lovers of the king of fruit, mango. This year, the yield will be less, which also means prices will be high. It is because of high moisture content in the soil after heavy, untimely rain last year which has led to vegetative growth and not floral growth in mango trees.

Karnataka is one of the top mango growers in the country, with 1.7 lakh hectares in 16 districts under cultivation, especially in Kolar, Chikkaballapur, Dharwad, and Ramanagar districts.

Every year, the production is around 10 lakh tonnes. But in 2020, it was 15 lakh tonnes, SV Hittalmani, former additional director of horticulture and senior horticulture scientist, told *The New Indian Express*. The production this year could be half of last year, around 8 lakh tonnes, as per initial estimates. "However, we will get the second estimation done after January 15, which will give us a clearer picture. But the yield will definitely be less than last year," he said.

Last year, the entire state, including mango-growing regions, experienced heavy rain in November which has led to high moisture content in the soil, he said. "Mango trees are giving out more leaves. In fact, the floral growth, instead of vegetative growth, should have been more around this season. With less or no flowers, the yield will naturally be low. We are expecting the mango season to start on time in March, but with a lesser number of fruits," he added.

Growers are also worried as flowers are setting late. **P7**

War room, BBMP get bed data ready for 3rd wave

Real-time occupancy info will be available

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH cases of Covid-19 and Omicron steadily rising in the state, officials from the State War Room and Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) war room are getting together details of hospital beds. The data will include beds available in government and private hospitals in the state, with real-time details of those occupied and vacant.

The system and network which were in place during the second wave, have been restarted.

"Learning from the past, where there was a delay in coordination and availability of data, we have already prepared details of beds in private and government hospitals. We are now preparing the list of beds in private and government medical colleges, because the first 50 per cent of beds will be reserved in these areas when cases rise," the official said.

According to Covid-19 Hospital Bed Management System (CHBMS) and war room records, of the 1,800 beds reserved in government and referred hospitals, 45-47 beds are occupied, and the remaining are vacant.

"The list of beds fitted with oxygen, ICU and other categories is also being prepared. Meetings with hospital associations have been held. The inventory of beds prepared during the second wave is being revisited and brushed up. There is no need to panic, as 60-65 per cent of patients admitted to hospital are not doubly vaccinated, and 35-40 per cent have comorbidities and mild symptoms. Since the peak is expected to hit by January-end or February, all preparations and coordinations are being done," the official added.

Officials are also updating details of beds in other districts, to handle patients based on urgency and need.

ZONAL HELPLINE NUMBERS

BBMP HAS SET UP CONTROL ROOMS IN ALL 8 ZONES

24/7 Control rooms will provide information related to Covid-19, triaging, testing, details of UPHCs, hospitalisation, vaccination etc

Bommanahalli	8884666670	RR Nagar	080-28601050
Dasarahalli	9480683132	South	8431816718
East	9480685163	West	080-68248454
Mahadevapura	080-23010102	Yelahanka	9480685961

CONFUSION OVER CLOSURE

Some schools stop offline classes, others wait

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

SIXTEEN schools coming under Orchids International have decided to shift to online classes due to the surge in Covid-19 cases and the novel Omicron variant. This comes in the wake of confusion regarding closure of schools.

Though no notification has been issued by Primary and Secondary Education Minister B C Nagesh regarding a shift to online classes, the schools have done so, citing confusion as well as parental concern regarding safety of children. "The management has decided not to reopen physical classes right now and shift to virtual classes from January 4 in all 48 branches of Orchids schools across India. Parents have also given their consent," said Jemi Sudhakar, principal of the Nagarbhavi branch. They are also concerned about reopening schools as children would have travelled during the winter vacation.

Similarly, Aloysius D'Mello, principal of Greenwood High International School, said, "The rise in cases is worrying parents, hence, most of them prefer online classes until things appear better."

However, some schools are waiting to take a decision regarding a shift to online classes. "At this point of time, we plan to have offline classes and there is no concern from parents either. We will monitor the situation and take a call based on government protocol," said Shweta Sastri, managing director of Canadian International School.

A source from the minister's office said the government is following the advice of Covid experts and has not taken any decision to shift to online classes, with schools free to go online or offline as per their requirement.

KAMS FOR KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN

THE Associated Managements of English Medium Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) sent a memorandum to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday, appealing to keep schools open.

The memorandum asked for educational institutions not to shut down as students had lost over a year's education, and shifting online would only make things worse. "We've also requested that SOPs be given so that children are taken care of when using buses to and from education institutions, as well as during tuitions," said Dr Shashi Kumar, general secretary of KAMS. He said the memorandum was submitted due to confusion and misinformation being spread online and through media, regarding the shutting down of schools.

The parent of a student from Rashtrotthana Vidya Kendra pointed out that schools may go online, but protection of children during activities like playtime, tuitions or family gatherings remains an issue.

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> Dr Shashi Kumar, general secretary of KAMS

A health worker vaccinates a student against Covid-19 in a school in Bengaluru on Monday. The city saw 1,041 fresh cases | EXPRESS

School makes jab must for kids to write exam

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ST Mary's Girls High School on Millers Road has sent out a message to parents saying that students need to get vaccinated before the board exams. They said since it is compulsory, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) will be organising a vaccination camp in the school itself.

"Vaccination certificate is a must for the board exam. Girls who were absent today must be vaccinated from whichever place you prefer. You must produce the certificate by this week itself. It is compulsory and one must take it seriously," the WhatsApp message sent out by the school read.

A parent voicing his concern said that this has left them in the lurch. "We are not against vaccination. But forcefully doing it is not the way. There is not enough data on safety and efficacy of the vaccine in children. We want to watch out how the drive pans out over the next few weeks... see how children react and then get them vaccinated," a parent said.

Sister Sharlet, principal of the school, confirmed that they have made it mandatory for students to get jabbed and added that they did so on the education department's directives. "They can get the jab in the school or from elsewhere," she said.

However, a source from the office of the Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh said that though schools can encourage vaccination, they aren't allowed to force students to get jabbed according to the guidelines issued by the Government of India.

Edu minister urges parents to get children vaccinated

With the vaccination drive launched for teenagers on Monday, Primary and Secondary Minister B C Nagesh urged parents to vaccinate their children as soon as possible. The minister recently tested positive for Covid himself, with mild symptoms. Nagesh urged parents to also take proper precautions when it comes to Covid-19. "No child's education should be incomplete because of Covid," he said in a video message. Parents should get children vaccinated as well as follow proper Covid guidelines, like wearing masks, observing social distance and sanitising properly, in order to prevent a third wave. The minister tested posted for Covid-19 recently, after noticing mild symptoms like a slight throat infection. The minister had previously been in quarantine in his home town of Tiptur, but has since shifted to Bengaluru to continue his quarantine, and is said to be faring well.

PANDEMIC WOES

Will Covid-19 spoil Lalbagh flower show this year too?

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

ARE you one of those who relish roasted corn and get mesmerised by flowers of myriad colours at the annual Lalbagh flower show? Then, here is some bad news for you.

The Republic Day flower show at Lalbagh, which is usually held in January third week, is likely to be cancelled this year too owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The horticulture department has placed a proposal before the State Government in this regard in the wake of rising Covid-19 cases and the Omicron scare. "We have placed the proposal before the government. We are waiting for its decision," said horticulture department director Nagendra Prasad.

Another official from the department seeking anonymity said, "In all likelihood, the flower show will be cancelled this year too due to spiralling Covid cases. Also, the government is working on imposing restrictions on public gatherings in the coming days."

The official said that crowd management is a difficult task during flower shows. "We can only stagger the displays in the entire botanical garden, but crowd cannot be controlled to ensure social distancing. So just like last year, we want the flower show to be cancelled this year too. This is mainly done keeping public health and safety in mind," the official said. The biannual flower show held around Republic Day and Independence Day was cancelled last year as they were restrictions in place.

Despite repeated attempts, Horticulture Minister Muniratna was not available for a comment.

Lalbagh Botanical Garden

EXPRESS READ

Have problems getting khatas? Get help now

In order to help citizens facing difficulties in getting khatas of properties from BBMP, the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority has come out with helplines. Citizens can dial the following numbers or write to: KSLSA (22111729, kslsapgbng@gmail.com), 'Nyayadegula', H Siddaiah Road, High Court Legal Services Committee (25521111, hclscpgbng@gmail.com). ENS

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

04th January: Cancer is my sign of the day. This means that sensitivity is everything. People who push everyone else around may succeed in the short run, but they'll soon be pretty unpopular. It's much better to be sympathetic to other individuals' feelings and make sure that the world is a much nicer place!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20) Today's passionate planetary relationships encourage your imagination, but may make it rather difficult for you to keep a grip on the facts. Professional Ariens run the risk of confusion at work, but if you're involved in any artistic or glamorous activity you'll do well.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) You may have been deeply confused by events beyond your control or understanding. Perhaps a dream that is only half-remembered has left you feeling rather uncertain. The truth will burst into the open in a few days' time, so get ready for the consequences.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) There is still a slight risk of arguments, possibly over trivial points and with complete strangers. However, ironically, the only thing that is clear at the moment is that nothing is clear. The advantage is that if you're doing anything which depends on your imagination then you should do better than ever.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23) The immediate crisis at work seems to be past, but there remains a danger that colleagues are likely to blow up without warning. The odds are still stacked in your favour, so don't worry. You can use your time profitably by rearranging your spending plans.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23) The fiery planet Mars is now passing through a favourable and supportive region of your chart, encouraging friends and partners to go their own way. You will gain from encouraging loved ones to take up new interests rather than attempting to hold them back.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23) In your solar chart the radical and philanthropic sign of Aquarius represents your ability to bring an entirely different quality to work, whether paid employment or domestic chores. Right now this indicates that you will find new ways to team up with like-minded people.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) You certainly appear to be living up to your reputation as someone with a rare appreciation of beauty and the finer things of life. This is a time for cultural pursuits and self-indulgence rather than graft. Don't worry, the hard work will come later - all in good time!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Nobody has such a sharp eye for the truth as you. You see, you know exactly how folk in authority are likely to behave. You also realise that it is very difficult for people to fulfil their promises. So, why don't you give them the benefit of the doubt?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22) After a lot of near misses or false starts, you may finally be about to achieve a cherished goal. The first requirement, though, is to sort out the continuing complications dogging your financial affairs. In matters of the heart, keep talking: if you don't tell loved ones what's going on, then they can't be blamed for not knowing how you feel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20) You Capricorns are not known for your emotional sensitivity, yet like all of us you have changed and come to appreciate that to be more open with your feelings leads to improvements all round. You may soon be experiencing sensations that you never knew existed!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Having stood your ground over career matters and worldly ambitions, you must now realise that there are periods to go it alone and moments to bend to other people's desires. Everything hinges around your sense of timing; so watch, wait and make sure you pick the perfect moment.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20) You may be feeling unsettled in your current surroundings. Loved ones are waiting for you to make a decisive move, but nobody is yet sure what is the correct step to take. You may have to wait another week or so before the dust settles and you feel clear about the next phase.

THE PHANTOM

HI AND LOIS

YOU CAN HAVE ANY KIND OF FOOD YOU WANT DELIVERED THESE DAYS.
GRUB-HUB
TAKEOUT WAS SO MUCH SIMPLER WHEN IT WAS JUST PIZZA.
DOOR-DASH
UBER EATS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

YOU'D BETTER NAIL YOUR PRESENTATION, BUMSTEAD.. THIS ONE IS FOR ALL THE MARBLES
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING, BOSS
I'VE GOT THIS!
AND CORA WONDERS WHY I HAVE NIGHTMARES

LOCKHORNS

"THIS PRIME RIB FOR TWO... WE'D BE INTERESTED IN A LONG-TERM PAYMENT PLAN."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I WANT YOU TO LOOK ME "OKAY... WHICH EYE?" IN THE EYE AND TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED."

SU DO KU

Medium : Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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2		7		8		9		

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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5	4	3	6	8	9	1	2	7
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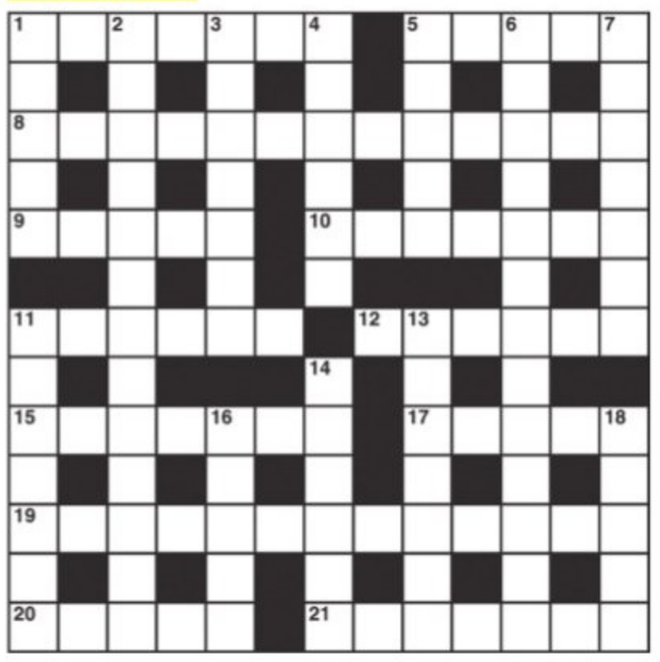
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 A tender for the dairy farm perhaps (7)
5 Wrote in a lofty pedantic style (5)
8 Blends a pie's ingredients - it's vital (13)
9 A lot of fish in shallow water (5)
10 Pressing time of day? (7)
11 Hidden talent perhaps (6)
12 It is weighed by a craftsman (6)
15 Make about a thousand to burn (7)
17 Mounts firearms (5)
19 One retired down under has a comfortable berth (13)
20 Has an inclination for men who are dissipated (5)
21 Continue to behave excitedly (5,2)

DOWN

1 Shots knocked off bits (5)
2 Take him for wed perhaps? Far from it! (4,2,3,4)
3 Greek letter varies in slope (7)
4 Went on reduced fare (6)
5 Try and eat a little (5)
6 When most people stop work (6,7)
7 Some hundred Germans at work in the harbour (7)
11 Deuce of a match (7)
13 An explosive type of reaction (7)
14 Decimal used in some tricky calculation (6)
16 One of three soldiers using strange oaths (5)
18 Battle for the chairman's seat? (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Jelly, 8 Engaging, 9 Merge, 10 Downcast, 11 Acute, 12 Ada, 16 Issues, 17 Prison, 18 She, 23 Views, 24 Amicable, 25 White, 26 Omission, 27 Adorn.

Down: 2 Exercise, 3 Lights up, 4 Unfold, 5 Rainy, 6 Divan, 7 Agate, 12 Ass, 13 Ape, 14 Finished, 15 Hot water, 19 Hollow, 20 Bacon, 21 Civic, 22 Say-so.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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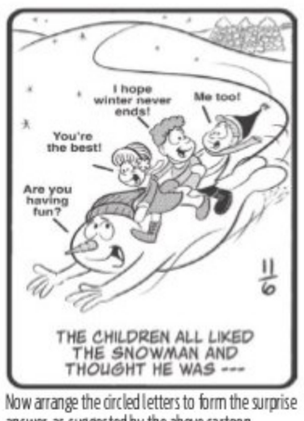

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

Answer here: ( ) " ( ) ( )

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S **Jumbles:**
USURP TAFFY OUTRAN ADJOIN
ANSWER: The sculptures of the presidents at Rushmore's 1,278 acre park is — AT THE "FOUR-FRONT"

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UP Govt. peps up the farm sector

One of the most important things about the Yogi Adityanath government has been its pro-farmer stance. Farming community too has returned the favour by making the state largest producer of food grains. UP is today at number one position in the country in wheat production and sugar production. And, it could be possible only due to contributions of the small and marginal farmers. Record production in their small holdings not only filled their houses, but also enabled the state to reach a level where export of food grains was possible. It is these farmers who have made the state number one in milk production. These small farmers are also the biggest producers and consumers in the rural economy. Knowing their role in strengthening the economy, the Yogi Adityanath government from its day one took initiatives to make farmers debt free, problem free, exploitation free and feel honoured. By redeeming farm loans worth Rs. 36,000 crore in the very first cabinet meeting, the Yogi government raised the spirits of 86 lakh small and marginal farmers. The government arranged everything that farmers needed - water for irrigation, fertilizers, seeds and pesticides for their crops. An efficient agricultural management system was developed, canals were kept full of water and availability of high quality seeds and fertilizers etc. was ensured in the market. The DBT system of payment to the farmers was also strengthened to make it more effective. Now, 100% payments are made directly in the farmers' accounts, due to which the farmer have been freed from possibilities of any kind of corruption or exploitation. It is worth mentioning that on agricultural investments, the Yogi government paid grants amounting to Rs 2,151.30 crore into farmers' accounts through DBT. Crop loans worth Rs 4.25 lakh crore were also made available to them.

- Arrangements done to procure farm produces from the doorsteps of farmers who could not reach the market.
- Small and marginal farmers facilitated with waiver of their farms loans totalling Rs. 36,000 crore.
- More than 3.76 crore Soil Health Cards and more than 1.66 lakh Kisan Credit Cards distributed.
- Under the Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana, 2,21,95,000 farmers were insured. So far, crop loss compensations of Rs 2,376 crore transferred to 27.56 lakh farmers.
- State Farmer Accident Insurance Scheme implemented for the first time. A provision of Rs 500 crore earmarked under the scheme.
- Uttar Pradesh Kisan Samman Samridhi Commission formed.
- 20 sugar mills upgraded, while Munderwa and Ramala sugar mills were restarted.
- So far, crop loans worth Rs. 4.72 lakh crore given to the farmers.

These sincere efforts to benefit the farmers include record payment of sugarcane prices to the farmers. The goal of the state government has been from debt relief to farmer welfare. Statistics show that Uttar Pradesh has topped in making payments to farmers. Even during the Corona period when all activities had been suspended in the state, Yogi Adityanath did not allow any slackness in steps for farmer welfare. The Chief Minister himself ensured that payments to farmers were not held up. During the Corona-hit period, sugarcane farmers of Uttar Pradesh were paid their long-pending dues. Last year till June 19, 2020, an amount of Rs 418 crore was transferred online in the account of sugarcane farmers. Creating a new record in the state, Rs. 1.50 lakh crore have been paid as sugarcane price to the farmers during Yogi Adityanath's tenure.

It was due to the government's pro-farmer policies that Uttar Pradesh is at the top of all states in sugarcane and sugar production. Closed sugar mills in the state were restarted at the Chief Minister's initiatives. Besides, 20 sugar mills have been modernized and expanded. Taking a big decision for the benefit of the farmers, the government renewed licenses of Khandsari units free of charge so that those restarted operations. Licenses of 267 new Khandsari units were also approved to ensure creation of additional crushing capacity of 66,450 TCD. This also resulted in creation of 30,250 new job opportunities.

During these years, the farmers of Uttar Pradesh farmers have also became technically sound through e-sugarcane app. Another important step that the government took to benefit farmers is establishment of 150 e-NAM mandis. As many as 87 lakh farmers and 34,000 businessmen were linked to these Mandis to usher the rural economy in a new era. The government also got set up cold chamber and ripening chambers in 27 mandis so that the fruit and vegetable producing farmers could take benefit of both these necessary facilities in their respective mandis. Going ahead with this, work has been done to ensure availability of high quality fruit and vegetable seedlings by establishing seven mini centers of excellence at Hapur, Mau, Bahraich, Aligarh, Fatehpur, Rampur and Ambedkar Nagar. Arrangements have been made for the construction of integrated pack houses at Amroha and Varanasi at a cost of Rs 26.66 crore so that fruit exporters could be empowered.

Soil fertility is the most important measure of the prosperity of farmers. The got examined more than 3.76 crore soil samples for which Soil Health Cards were distributed. It also established 20 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and got trained over 63.77 lakh farmers in The Million Farmers School, so that the farmers could take better yields at minimum costs.

Finishing long-pending tasks

Irrigation is one of the most important aspects of agriculture. The food grain revolution is largely dependent on the expansion of irrigation facilities. The previous governments in Uttar Pradesh had started the ambitious Bansagar Dam Project and the Saryu Canal Project decades ago, but their work could never be completed. Ban Sagar Project was started in 1978 at a cost of Rs. 222 crores. After 41 years, it was Yogi Adityanath's resolve that saw the project completed in 2019. Under the project, water was supplied to un-irrigated areas of Mirzapur and Prayagraj districts by laying a network of canals. Similarly, the work of the ambitious Saryu canal project was started in 1978 on a small scale by, the then state government for irrigation in two districts. Initially the cost was Rs. 78.68 crores. After this, it was expanded in 1982 to include nine more districts including Shravasti. In 2012, it was renamed as Saryu Canal National Project. Even this ambitious project had remained pending for four decades. The present government got it completed at a cost of Rs 10,000 crore. This has brought 15 lakh hectares unirrigated land in nine districts under irrigation. Saryu Canal National Project was also a part of the former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee's dream project for interlinking rivers. What remained pending during the tenures of various governments in the past four decades has been completed within 4.5 years of Yogi Adityanath regime.

Apart from these projects in the eastern parts of the state, the government has also approved the Ken-Betwa link project worth Rs. 45,000 crore for Bundelkhand. This project would save Bundelkhand from age-old water crisis. Its purpose is to transfer surplus water of Ken river of Madhya Pradesh to Betwa river to provide irrigation facility to the drought-prone Bundelkhand region of Uttar Pradesh. This project will provide irrigation facility to Jhansi, Banda, Lalitpur and Mahoba districts of Uttar Pradesh and further to Madhya Pradesh. The project includes construction of Daudhan dam and 230 km-long canal for carrying the water to fields.

Once completed, this project would mitigate the impact of recurrent drought in Bundelkhand region. Improved irrigation facilities will bring prosperity to the region with better yields and increase in income of farmers. A socio-economic impact of this project could be elimination of situations leading to suicidal tendencies among farmers, that is at present most notorious problem in the region. This shall also improve the ground water table as permanent availability of means of irrigation will reduce excessive dependence on groundwater. The construction of the multipurpose dam will not only accelerate water conservation, but will also generate 103 MW of hydro-electricity and supply drinking water to 62 lakh people.

In Mahoba district of Bundelkhand, the state government has completed three more ambitious projects in November 2021. These were inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. These projects are Mahoba's Arjun Subsidiary Project costing Rs 2,655 crore, Ratoli Dam Project and Bhavani Dam Project worth Rs 3,240 crore and Masgaon and Chilli Irrigation Projects. With these projects, people of Mahoba as well as lakhs of farmer families of Hamirpur, Banda and Lalitpur districts will not only get water for irrigation but also get pure drinking water. This project too was also lying unfinished for years. In the last four years, along with the Jal Jeevan Mission in Bundelkhand, the work of providing pure drinking water in more than 35 thousand villages' with '63 lakh families' is going on. To increase the availability of water for irrigation and drinking water, the Prime Minister has given a slogan - 'Catch the Rain Where it Falls and When it Falls'. Following this, water conservation work is being done with an investment of Rs 50,000 crore. After the completion of all these projects, there will be no shortage of water for irrigation in Bundelkhand nor will there be a need for village to village supply of drinking water through tankers.

Emphasis on MSP: Commitment to doubling farmer's income

Important among the step taken to benefit the farmers was the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's insistence on procurement of food grains at MSP. His wanted to ensure that every farmer got must get a fair price for his produces. Determined to realize the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of doubling the farmers' income, the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath increased the MSP for all grains. Increasing the MSP every year, the MSP for wheat in the recent most season was at Rs 1,975 per quintal. It was Rs. 1,625 in 2017-18, Rs. 1,735 in 2018-19 and Rs. 1,840 in 2019-20. The government has also brought more crops, such as maize, under the MSP regime to make those remunerative for farmers.

Keeping in view the farmers' hardships in carrying their produce to distant procurement centres, the government also increased the number of procurement centres that made it easier for the farmers to sell the produce without having to travel much distance. In the last four crop seasons, the government paid Rs. 29,017.45 crore to farmers as price for the procured wheat. The Yogi Adityanath government also took steps to prevent corruption in the payment process and made the payment process transparent. These government initiatives have made farmers happy and they have been enthusiastically contributing in making the state prosperous.

Vindhya and Bundelkhand will no longer remain thirsty

The southern parts of Uttar Pradesh along the Vindya ranges have been suffering from water shortage for ages. There are many areas in these regions where women have been forced to traverse long distances to fetch drinking water. Half-hearted efforts in the past have failed to change the situation. However, under the Har Ghar Nal scheme of the central government, the Yogi Adityanath government has taken steps to permanently rid these areas of this grave problem. Most of the schemes under various projects in the Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions have been completed before time and trial run of supplying pure drinking water through pipeline has started.

The foundation stone for the rural piped drinking water projects worth Rs 5,555 crore in the Vindhya region was laid by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2020. This is one of areas which face acute shortage of drinking water. These projects will serve nearly 41 lakh population in two districts of Sonbhadra and Mirzapur.

In the Bundelkhand region, 12 piped water supply projects worth Rs. 2,185 have been recently completed. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanth and Union Minister Gajendra Singh had laid the foundation stone for these projects in July 2020. These projects will benefit about 63 lakh people in thousands of villages in the region. Of these villages, 345 are in Jhansi district, 228 villages in Mahoba and 197 villages in Lalitpur districts. Altogether 4,513 revenue villages of Bundelkhand region will be benefitted. The Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had performed bhoomi poojan for these projects in July 2020.

Projects expedited in two dozen districts

Meanwhile, the work of 'har ghar nal yojana' had been expedited in more than two dozen districts including Varanasi, Prayagraj, Gorakhpur and Mathura. Water supply will be started in most of these districts by March 2022.

Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the UP government had so far provided 31.76 lakh water connections in over 97,000 villages. The government has provided 19.15 lakh tap connections in the last financial year while work is in progress to provide 59 lakh tap water connections in the current financial year. Further 85.40 lakh connections are scheduled to be given in the financial year 2022-23 and 90.01 lakh in financial year 2023-24.

Bundelkhand: 467 schemes in 32 projects

In Bundelkhand region, a total of 467 piped drinking water schemes have been implemented in 32 projects under Jal Jeevan Mission. Of these, 43 are surface water-based schemes and 424 are ground water-based ones. Through these schemes, arrangements will be made for 11,95,265 functional home water connections for a population of 72,68,705 of 3,823 revenue villages. These projects will benefit 40 tehsils, 68 development blocks and 2608-gram panchayats of seven districts of Bundelkhand region.

Vindhya : 162 schemes in 17 projects

There are 162 piped drinking water schemes under 17 projects under Jal Jeevan Mission in the Vindhya region, along with 22 surface water-based schemes and 140 ground water-based ones. Under these schemes, 6,69,508 functional house water connections (FHTCs) have been provided for a population of 40,45,943 of 2,961 revenue villages and this will supply pure drinking water to a total of 6,69,508 households.

"Har Ghar Nal Yojana' of Jal Jeevan Mission will also help provide employment and in the first phase, more than 30,000 people will be hired on contract in the projects being completed in Bundelkhand and Vindhya regions.

735 schemes approved

The central government has given its approval to 735 drinking water supply schemes of the Yogi government for the rural areas of the state including Bundelkhand and Vindhyas. Proposals worth Rs 1,882 crore were sent by the state government to the central government. The State Level Plan Approval Committee of Uttar Pradesh has approved the proposals submitted by the state for providing tap water connections in rural areas.

The National Jal Jeevan Mission under the Ministry of Jal Shakti has already released a grant-in-aid amounting to Rs 2,400 crore to Uttar Pradesh during 2021-22.

Empowering and honouring the farmers

The union government scheme 'PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana' to honour the farmers has been implemented in the state in letter and spirit. So far, a total of Rs. 37,521 crore have been transferred to nearly 2.54 crore farmers. Uttar Pradesh Kisan Samman Samridhi Aayog has also been constituted. Nearly doubling the MSP, 435 lakh metric tonnes of food grains were procured from the farmers and more than Rs 79,000 crore paid as price for the procured food grains. Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Rs 2,376 crore was transferred as compensation to 27.56 lakh farmers. Apart from this, 4.72 lakh crore rupees were provided them as crop loans for purchasing fertilizers and seeds.

Chief Minister Accident Assistance Scheme for traders and commission agents registered with Mandi Samitis as well as Chief Minister Mandi Fire Accident Assistance Scheme were also implemented in the interest of the farmers.. Recognizing these honest efforts and works of the state government in favour of the farmers, the Government of India has also given a Krishi Karman Award of Rs. 2 crore to the state.

Farmer's support in full development

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath believes that the development of any state is incomplete unless the farmers are happy and prosperous. Yogi Adityanath's government pays constant attention to this and continues to work in the interest of farmers. Many government schemes have helped in increasing income of the farmers and this has also led to financial reforms in rural areas. The government ensured taking care of the farmers' needs even during the epidemic-induced lockdown periods.

Not only this, the Yogi government has introduced many beneficial policies to secure the future of the farmers. This has also boosted farmers' confidence. Bumper production of food grains, pulses, oilseeds and sugarcane may be seen as a spin-off of these pro-farmer policies.

The Karnataka Postal Circle is hampered in its efforts to offer better amenities it had planned for the public due to a severe fund crunch this year

Strict Covid curbs expected after Cabinet meeting

CM says State Govt looking at long-term plan to handle the surge in corona cases

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IN view of the rising number of Covid-positive cases in Karnataka, the State government is likely to restrict large gatherings and take strict measures to control the spread of cases, especially the Omicron variant.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is due to meet the expert committee on Tuesday, to discuss the overall Covid-19 situation in the state. This will be followed by a cabinet meeting on Thursday where guidelines are expected to be framed to monitor and prevent Covid cases.

> It will take place across districts simultaneously. Camps will be held in schools and colleges where they will check identity cards and Aadhaar cards
>
> Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Bommai told reporters on Monday that Covid-19 and Omicron cases are spreading fast in the country and neighbouring states, and the State government is constantly monitoring the situation.

He added that the government has the experience of handling the two previous coronavirus waves. "Experts have been asked to suggest appropriate measures to control the pandemic without affecting the daily life of people," he said.

The expert committee's opinions will be kept before the cabinet on Thursday, with the State government looking for a long-term plan to handle the current situation. Bommai also urged people to take care of themselves.

On the vaccination drives for 15-18 year-olds that began countrywide on Monday, he said, "It will take place across districts simultaneously. Camps will be held in schools and colleges where they will check identity cards and Aadhaar cards. We are making it a big drive to include young people in the safety zone. I seek the cooperation of young people, parents, teachers and health workers."

Padayatra to face hurdle?

The decision to restrict gatherings is likely to hamper the Congress padayatra, with party leaders and workers planning to walk from Mekedatu to Bengaluru from January 9, to demand the Mekedatu project. CM Bommai said they are watching the Congress leaders' moves.

"We will frame guidelines for public conduct during the Covid outbreak. This is not limited to the padayatra, but applies to all," he said.

Event turns into BJP-Cong muscle-flexing match

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THE political heat in the Vokkaliga bastion of the Old Mysuru rose several notches on Monday when Higher Education Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan and Congress Lok Sabha member D K Suresh locked horns on the dais at a public event in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other cabinet ministers.

The CM was to lay the foundation for a slew of development works and unveil the statues of Dr B R Ambedkar and 'Naadaprabhu' Kempe Gowda. But when he went to garland the statue of Ambedkar, Suresh was 'inadvertently' left out, prompting the latter's supporters to raise slogans saying "DK, DK".

Annoyed with this, Ashwath Narayana took them to task and even asked Congress leaders to show their 'courage' in implementing development works, which further incited the Congress workers who were present in good numbers at the event. "By gathering some of your supporters, you have created all this. If you have the guts, show your 'manliness' in development, which BJP stands for," the minister stated, inviting the wrath of D K Suresh.

The MP got up from his seat on the dais, charged towards Ashwath Narayana and got into a verbal duel. Bengaluru Rural MLC and Suresh's nephew Ravi snatched the microphone from the minister and flung it down. The police had to intervene and calm down the situation. The duo even staged a sit-in on the dais briefly.

Ramanagara MLA Anitha Kumaraswamy, meanwhile, suggested to Ashwath Narayana not to make use of the dais for politics, which the latter denied, saying that he was only speaking about development.

Amidst the furore, the CM chose to cut short his speech for a minute or so. "We have unveiled the statues of Babasaheb Ambedkar and Nadaprabhu Kempegowda and should show high regard for them. No leader's personal prestige is at stake in this event," he remarked. The CM later took Suresh with him to pay floral tributes to Kempe Gowda's statue.

Police personnel attempt to pacify Congress Lok Sabha member D K Suresh and Minister C N Ashwath Narayan after they were involved in a wordy duel at a public event, which was attended by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, in Ramanagara on Monday

> I condemn the gross misconduct of the Congress leaders. They attempted to manhandle the Higher Education minister, Dr Ashwath Narayana, in a public meeting. This is abnoxious and an attempt to exhibit muscle power. The people of Karnataka will not tolerate this kind of Goonda culture. I have sought a report into the incident from the Ramanagara district police
>
> Araga Jnanendra, Home Minister

> The statues of Ambedkar and Kempegowda were being made when I was a minister. I was generous enough to let the BJP leaders unveil them and show their respect to the icons
>
> D K Shivakumar, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president

Ashwath Narayana, also a Vokkaliga, seemingly took the lead and even guided Bommai to Kempe Gowda's grave at Kempapura village, following the public events in Ramanagara and Magadi.

The whole issue, however, led to mudslinging from both sides. KPCC president D K Shivakumar saw a continued conspiracy by Ashwath Narayana to "oust" Bommai from CM's position. The BJP too held a protest against D K Suresh at Malleswaram Circle later in the evening.

"It was none other than Ashwath Narayana who had furnished all information about the Bitcoin scam to Congress leaders to oust Bommai from CM's post. Through a similar conspiracy, he had got B S Yedi-yurappa removed. He showed least respect to Bommai at the Ramanagara event through his provocative speech and it is part of a continued conspiracy to oust Bommai from CM's post," Shivakumar alleged.

On its part, the BJP, in a series of tweets, attacked the DKS brothers as 'hooligans' and accused them of looting natural resources in Kanakapura. "Now they have tried to threaten the government machinery. But they should realise that Karnataka is not Lalu's time Bihar", one of the tweets read.

The timing of the CM's event, ahead of KPCC president D K Shivakumar's padayatra from Mekedatu in his Kanakapura Assembly segment, traversing over 15 Assembly segments, did not seem to go well for the Congress.

For that matter, the JD(S) leadership, including former PM H D Deve Gowda, too are reportedly uncomfortable and have termed the 'padayatra' a gimmick.

CM: Leaders should introspect

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CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said the unveiling of Dr B R Ambedkar and Naadaprabhu Kempe Gowda statues was a pre-scheduled programme.

"Many meetings have been held about it. The media is witness as to who triggered the argument. The RSS and BJP have nothing to do with this incident. It is a very unfortunate incident. The people concerned should introspect," he said while reacting to Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) president D K Shivakumar's comments on the Ramanagara incident.

The Chief Minister, who was in Chikkakalya village in Magadi taluk after unveiling the statues, said the padayatra planned by Congress leaders is a politically motivated programme. "Siddaramaiah has alleged that Tamil Nadu BJP leaders are being roped in to oppose the padayatra. Will the Congress leaders of Tamil Nadu support it?" Bommai asked.

"We need to work unitedly for the cause of Karnataka's language, land and water. The DPR for the Mekedatu project is before the Central Water Commission. The State Government has taken the project seriously and efforts are on to take it up at the earliest," Bommai said.

'Bulli Bai row result of BJP provocation'

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OPPOSITION Leader in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Monday condemned the harassment of Muslim women in the wake of the 'Bulli Bai' app controversy, saying it is the result of repeated "dehumanisation" of minorities by the BJP.

"This provocation against minorities is aimed at humiliating them and the party wants to ensure that they do not speak against the government. This 'serious provocation of minorities' is coming just before the elections in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. They have no desire to maintain peace and unity in the nation, and this is a bid to divide the people based on religion," he told *The New Indian Express*.

Taking to Twitter, Kharge said, "Strongly condemn this disgusting harassment of Muslim women. This is the result of repeated dehumanisation of minorities by the BJP leadership." "Why were previous instances of similar harassment ignored?" he asked and added, "I hope this time, the strongest action against the guilty will be taken."

Kharge asked, "Does it take so long to bring the perpetrators to book?" He hoped that the strictest action will be taken against those found guilty.

JANUARY 9 YATRA

BJP conspiring to thwart Mekedatu rally: Cong

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

THE Congress, which is preparing the ground for the 10-day Mekedatu padayatra on January 9, has accused the BJP of conspiring to stop the rally by using the threat of a Covid lockdown, fearing that its failures will be exposed.

"The padayatra will go on as planned, come what may. We will walk and take people on our side to prevail upon the State Government to take up the project which can be completed in two years," KPCC president D K Shivakumar said. "Leaders of the BJP and JDS are putting out negative stories in the media about the padayatra to derail the Congress preparations. But jealousy has no medicine," he said.

Stating that it is the BJP's plan to thwart the yatra by exaggerating the Covid situation, he said the Congress has taken precautionary measures by ordering one lakh masks. "The party will also deploy 100 vehicles and create accommodation facilities for 5,000 people," he added.

Hitting out at rival parties for giving a political colour to the padayatra, he said they will reconsider only if the State Government and BJP MPs prevail upon the Centre to give the environment clearance, and start the work within 15 days. The project will benefit 2.5 crore people in the region and provide Cauvery water to the nook and corner of Bengaluru. Except for a small village, no other villages will be affected and 5,000 acres of forest and revenue will be submerged, he added.

Congress workers welcome opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D K Shivakumar with a garland made of apples in Mysuru on Monday | UDAYSHANKAR S

Responding to the BJP terming it a "political yatra", he asked, "What was L K Advani's Rath Yatra or JDS patriarch H D Deve Gowda's padayatra from Vittalanehalli in protest against the murder of advocate Gangadhar Gowda?"

Meanwhile, Opposition leader Siddaramaiah said the Congress will take all precautions to thwart the BJP's conspiracy to scuttle the padayatra. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself has violated Covid guidelines by addressing election rallies without even following protocols or social distancing," he said.

Siddu-DKS take out march

Opposition leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D K Shivakumar put up a show of strength by taking out a massive rally in Mysuru. The duo walked for more than 2.5 km along with party leaders and workers.

They garlanded the Basaveshwara statue and put up a major show with cultural troupes on Chamaraja Double Road and Jhansi Rani Lakshmi Bai Road to reach the Congress office. Siddaramaiah said that there are no differences between him and Shivakumar and blamed the BJP for creating the impression of a rift between them.

No merit in TN objections, says Siddu

The Karnataka government must go ahead with the Mekedatu irrigation project as there is neither any merit in the opposition to the project nor a stay from the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal or the Supreme Court, Congress leader Siddaramaiah said on Monday. Addressing a party convention here, the leader of the opposition in the Assembly said the objections filed by Tamil Nadu were just for political reasons. "Tamil Nadu has no right to oppose the project and all its objections have been rejected. If there was any substance to the objections, the Apex Court would have ordered a stay on the project," he added.

Stating that there is no need for a No Objection Certificate to execute drinking water projects, he said a dispute does not arise as the Karnataka government is bound to discharge 172 tmcft of water to Tamil Nadu in a normal year.

Ex-MLA's kin arrested by NIA in ISIS case

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THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested **Mariyam alias Deepthi Marla**, daughter-in-law of former MLA late B M Idinabba, from her residence in Mangaluru, for alleged links with terror outfit ISIS.

Mariyam is Idinabba's son Anas Abdul Rahiman's wife.

Idinabba's grandson Ammar Abdul Rahiman was arrested in August 2021 by the Central anti-terrorist task force during the searches it had conducted in Bengaluru, Delhi and Kerala. The NIA had arrested 11 accused persons, including the alleged kingpin Mohd Ameen, from Mallapuram in Kerala, for raising funds, radicalising and motivating people to join the ISIS.

"The investigation has revealed that after the decline of the ISIS Caliphate in Syria/Iraq, Deepthi Marla and Mohd Ameen had visited Kashmir in January and March, 2020 for Hijrah (religious migration) and for engaging in terrorist acts and supporting the activities of ISIS. Deepthi was the kingpin of the instant ISIS conspiracy along with Mohd Ameen," the NIA stated in an official release on Monday.

According to sources, Mariyam had requested the NIA sleuths not to arrest her as she is a lactating mother, but she was asked to either take her baby along with her to prison or leave it with the family. Mariyam finally decided to leave the child with the family. Sources said she was probably taken to the NIA facility in Bengaluru for interrogation.

Meanwhile, police sources said a team of NIA officials, led by Deputy SP Krishna Kumar, who is an assistant investigating officer in Delhi, along with police inspector Ajay Singh and Monika Dhikwal, arrested Mariyam from her house at BM Compound, Masthikatte, Ullal on Monday morning. "The NIA had wanted to detain Mariyam earlier, but they decided to come back after gathering enough evidence against her," added the sources.

The NIA, in September last year, had submitted a charge sheet against Ameen, Mushab Anvar of Kannur and Rahees Rasheed of Kollam in Kerala.

> Deepthi Marla and Mohd Ameen had visited Kashmir in January and March, 2020 for Hijrah (religious migration) and for engaging in terrorist acts and supporting the activities of ISIS — National Investigation Agency

ONE STEP FORWARD: LET'S CLEAN UP OUR CITIES, OUR HABITS

IN 2022, we should look to complete the phrase with something other than "...two steps back". It has not been an easy year on both the health and environment fronts across the world. Cities, which are the economic centres of the country, have been hit hard by the pandemic. The silver lining has been our ability to produce a vaccine quickly enough to begin a recovery. However, we aren't out of the quagmire yet.

What we forgot during the pandemic was the global climate change comet hurtling towards us. While most people put their heads together in

LOOKING AHEAD 2022

fighting the pandemic, some citizens like the Relief Riders of Bengaluru decided to take on both climate change and pandemic head on by delivering relief supplies locally on bicycles across 13 cities, saving tonnes of emissions and helping thousands of people at the same time. It has led to them being nominated for the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.

There is a model emerging from such initiatives. Allowing people to discover local services and create micro market economies is something companies are increasingly exploring. We should see more of it emerging this year.

The unseasonal rain and changing weather pattern brought extensive flood damage to many cities. It brought to attention the way we build cities — for the here-and-now, with scant regard for geography or cross-sectoral interdependencies; encroaching upon lakes, building gated communities and creating sprawls.

SATHYA SANKARAN,
Urban Mobility Consultant & Bicycle Mayor, Bengaluru

The sprawl has also brought huge pressure on transport. Large gated townships are being given approvals with no involvement of public transport operators. This will worsen congestion and pollution in our cities that are already reeling from these problems. Creating regulatory authorities which can integrate land use and transport in large cities across many silos and implementing Transit-Oriented Development policies can fix this. This will also catalyse public transport adoption, ensuring no housing is approved without approved plan for public transport. We should peg our election choices to positive moves on such actions.

The urban poor are definitely a casualty of increasing housing costs. Mixed use development should be encouraged by trading rights for taller buildings in return for green public spaces and affordable housing for the people working in the neighbourhood. This will increase the economic vitality and create 15-minute neighbourhoods where most services are available within walking or cycling distance, and with access to public transport. Infrastructure coordination will need a strong regulator across cities.

The Clean Air Street on Church Street showed pedestrianisation of a street can benefit local economies. Many neighbourhoods across cities will begin to see such initiatives. This will be driven by transition to electric vehicles, especially by last-mile delivery and light cargo operators. This will create a strong baseline for clean growth. We will see consumer demand for more such clean technologies, especially in the two- and three-wheeler space this year.

Overall, there is strong momentum towards cleaning up our cities and habits. If we can pay attention to these outcomes in the information overload of the connected world, we will be able to complete the phrase with "many miles covered".

Seven people, including a couple and their children, sustained burns in an explosion caused by an LPG leak on Monday. The incident occurred at a house in Attiguppe in Chandra Layout

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 300 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: **1,290** | Yesterday: **1,187**

TALLY
Today: **30,09,557**
Yesterday: **30,08,370**

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: **5**	Today: **232**
Yesterday: **6**	Yesterday: **275**

ACTIVE CASES
Today: **11,345**
Yesterday: **10,292**

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: **5.30%**	Today: **1.27%**
Yesterday: **5.30%**	Yesterday: **1.27%**

RECOVERY RATE Today: **98.34%** Yesterday: **98.38%**

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	**1,041**
Bengaluru Rural	**8**
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	11
Belagavi	4
Bidar	1
Chamarajanagar	0
Chikkaballapur	2
Chikkamagaluru	2
Chitradurga	1
Dakshina Kannada	52
Davanagere	2
Dharwad	19
Gadag	1
Hassan	11
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	9
Kodagu	10
Kolar	6
Koppal	1
Mandya	13
Mysuru	14
Raichur	2
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	13
Tumakuru	6
Udupi	43
Uttara Kannada	2
Vijayapura	5
Yadgir	1

City targets 5,482 schools, 577 colleges for teen vax

On Day 1, Mysuru had the least coverage at just 26 per cent

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AMONG the 13 districts with vaccination coverage below the state's average of 65 per cent (4,14,723 out of targeted 6,38,891) coverage on the first day of vaccination for 15-18 age segment for the first dose are Mysuru (the lowest with 26 per cent), Yadgir (28 per cent), Chikkaballapur (34 per cent), Koppal (35 per cent), Ballari (38 per cent), Bidar (40 per cent), Gadag (41 per cent), Vijayapura (41 per cent), Raichur (49 per cent), Bengaluru Rural (53 per cent), Chamarajanagar (56 per cent), Mandya (60 per cent) and Ramanagar (60 per cent).

"There is a data lag and more beneficiaries will be accounted for. We had set a high target and it was a good start for the first day. There was no vaccine hesitancy reported. We have a plan which involves going to all educational institutions to administer the COVID-19 vaccine," said Thrilok Chandra, Special Commissioner (Health), BBMP.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that in Bengaluru alone, the government has set an overall target of 4,41,000 beneficiaries in 5,482 schools and 577 PU colleges. However, although 40,000 was the target for day one, the city fell short. BBMP had planned the vaccination in 196 schools (49,639 beneficiaries) and 59 colleges (22,067 beneficiaries) on day one across eight zones. It has a stock of 2,56,800 doses of Covaxin.

"Since it's a new experience for the children, they're unfamiliar with the pain, but they do feel better with the environment and people encouraging and motivating them to go forward," said Manjula, one of the caretakers from Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said, "Everyone must take the vaccine. In all, 8,65,00,000 doses have been administered in the state. So far Karnataka's positivity rate is low, at 0.5 percent, as compared to other states such as Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. We have regular meetings with the Covid Technical Advisory Committee and officials to take appropriate measures."

DHO of Shivamogga Rajesh Suragihalli said 83,831 teens will be vaccinated from January 3 to 12, taking up the drive at all high schools and colleges. Deputy Commissioner KB Shivakumar requested the students to come forward to get the vaccine without any fear.

THE FIRST KID VACCINATED

A 16-year-old girl from Sri Rakum School for the Blind received the first dose for the 15-18 age segment on Monday at Manipal Hospital, Old Airport Road in Bengaluru. The hospital has collaborated with a number of NGOs, including Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled and Asha Kiran Special Needs School, to make vaccinations accessible to children for free."We've prioritised vaccinations for special needs children to lessen parents' apprehension about whether they can take the vaccine. Special needs children are often at a higher risk than others," said Dr Archana M, the hospital's pediatric infectious diseases consultant.

STRICT WATCH

BBMP marshals penalise a youth for not wearing a mask at Majestic Bus Station in Bengaluru on Monday | SHRIRAM B N

Genome sequencing test for contacts

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A 40-year-old woman, who travelled from Belgium to Bengaluru, is among the Omicron-positive patients. She is, however, asymptomatic. She has five primary contacts, of which one is positive, and 10 secondary contacts who are negative. The third case is of a 46-year-old Canadian woman, who travelled from Dubai to Bengaluru and was declared positive after the test at the airport. All her primary contacts are negative.

Two women, both aged 49, who flew from Dubai to Bengaluru, tested positive and have 18 primary contacts each. A 13-year-old girl who was the primary contact of an international traveller (Patient 67) tested positive and has five primary contacts.

Another 42-year-old woman, who travelled from Mumbai to Bengaluru, tested positive and has two primary contacts who are negative and 14 secondary contacts who are also negative. A 65-year-old woman, who also travelled from Mumbai to Bengaluru and tested positive, has two negative primary contacts and 12 negative secondary contacts.

The other paediatric patient is a 14-year-old girl who was a cluster contact of a positive patient in Dharwad. She has three positive primary and 395 negative secondary contacts.

A 53-year-old woman teacher, who is a cluster contact of a positive case in Dharwad, was admitted to a hospital, discharged and is in home quarantine. Four of her five primary contacts are positive, while 395 secondary contacts are negative.

The samples of primary contacts who have tested positive are being sent for genome sequencing to verify whether they too are infected with Omicron.

Nine students test +ve in Hubballi school

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH
@Hubballi

AT least nine children from the same class tested Covid-positive at Chetan Public School in Hubballi. The private school, located in Akshay Nagar, declared a holiday and parents are worried about their children. All other students of the school tested negative. Select samples have been sent for genome sequencing to know the variant type, an officer said.

The cases came to light during a routine check in all schools, colleges and hostels, initiated after 300-plus medical students from SDM Medical College tested positive recently.

Hubballi city Block Education Officer (BEO) Shrishail Karikatti said the nine students are asymptomatic, and are under treatment at home. Fearful parents of Chetan Public School are demanding online classes. The school also conducted pre-scheduled exams online on Monday.

Parivarthan Gurukul Heritage School, which is adjacent to Chetan Public School, also declared a holiday on Monday to sanitise the school building and campus. Parents of schoolkids across the city are demanding that the administration close down schools as the number of Covid-19 cases are on the rise. In fact, soon after news broke of the Covid cluster, parents stopped sending children to school as a precautionary measure.

With winter setting in, flu has symptoms are common, but schools have failed to take any precautionary steps or asked teachers and children with flu to stay away till they are better. As a result, many students are suffering from cold and cough."As of now there are no guidelines to close schools, if any school violates Covid-19 guidelines, they will face the music," Karikatti said.

Karnataka logs 3.5K cases in 3 days

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THE new year is not off to a good start in Karnataka, with the state having broken its streak of adding less than 1,000 Covid-19 cases each day. On each of the first three days of January, more than 1,000 cases were added, taking the total to 3,510. On Monday alone, the figure stood at 1,290, which took the state tally to 30,10,847. Active cases crossed the 11,000-mark, and stand at 11,345.

The recovery rate has also been declining. From 98.48 per cent on December 25, it fell to 98.34 per cent on January 3. Five deaths took the state toll to 38,351.

Bengaluru touched 1,041 cases, which took the city tally to 12,66,392. As a result, active cases crossed 9,000 in the capital, with the latest number at 9,575. The recovery rate in the city fell to 97.94 per cent.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION

No: KPCL/2021-22/AUCTION203. Date: 30.12.2021

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

Bids are invited from eligible bidders for the sale of Released Batteries as is where basis is available at KPCL/BTPS, Kudithini. The e-Auction details can be downloaded from e-procurement portal and intended bidder shall participate through **e-procurement portal: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Date of e-Auction: 17.01.2022. Further details can be had from the Executive Engineer (Stores), BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583115, Dist. & Tq: Ballari (Karnataka), Mob No: 09448290787.

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My client Sri. Manjunatha .S.M, S/o Muniyallappa, R/at Sriramanahalli, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District-562163, has executed an Unregistered General Power of Attorney on 04/09/2017, in favour of Sri. Suryabrahmavar, S/o Late. Dhalappa, Residing at No.7/201, SLN Building, Ayyappa Temple Road, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, to do all acts, deeds & things mentioned therein as per the General Power of Attorney, in respect of the schedule property.

My client having come to know that the aforesaid person have acted detrimental to my client's interest and in violation of the terms of the General Power of Attorney dated 04/09/2017 and as his rights and liabilities relating to the schedule property being jeopardized, My client has revoked all the powers given to said Sri. Suryabrahmavar by issuing legal notice dated 10/11/2021 through Registered Post/Acknowledgment due and intimated the revocation of GPA.

Therefore, my client hereby notify to the general public that the aforesaid Sri Suryabrahmavar is no more his power of Attorney and he has no right to transact with the schedule property and hence it is cautioned to the General public that Whomsoever, purchase or enter into any transaction in respect of schedule property, in any manner they shall be doing so at their own risk and my client is in no way responsible for the same and the transactions is not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Sy.No.17 measuring 44 acres 5 guntas situated at Sriramanahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru District **East by:** Sy. No. 18, 19 and 20, **West by:** Sy. No. 15, **North by:** Sy.No.16, **South by:** Sy.No. 5 and 7.

KEMPANNA, ADVOCATE
No. 323, 3rd Floor, Kurubara Sangha Building, 2nd Main Road, Gandhi Nagara, Bengaluru-560009. Mobile: 9844283385

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Amarjyothi nagar Branch, Regional Office, Netkallappa Circle, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.

Notice Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002

In respect of loans availed from **Canara Bank, Amarjyothinagar Branch, Bengaluru,** by below mentioned borrowers / surety / ies which have become NPA as mentioned below, we have already issued detailed demand notices under Sec.13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by Registered Post with acknowledgment due to you which were returned undelivered / Not Received by you.

We have indicated our intention of taking possession of securities owned by you as per Sec.13(4) of the Act in case of your failure to pay the amount mentioned below **within 60 days** from the date of issue of Demand Notices U/s 13(2) of the Act.

You are advised 1) to collect the original notice/cover addressed to you and returned / Not Received by you through Courier / Postal Authorities from the **Canara Bank, Amarjyothinagar Branch,** Bengaluru for more and complete details and 2) to pay the balance outstanding amount with interest and costs, etc., within 60 days from the date of notice referred to above to avoid further action under the SARFAESI act.

(1) Borrowers: (1) Mr. Santhosh Y K S/o Krishnegowda. No.239, 2nd Main road, 2nd Cross Road, Rajagopalnagar, Laggare, Bangalore-560058. **(2) Mr. Nandisha Y K. S/o Krishnegowda,** No.239, 2nd Main road, 2nd Cross Road, Rajagopalnagar, Laggare, Bangalore-560058. **(3) M/s. SLV Creation Prop: Mr. Y.K Santhosh S/o Krishnegowda.** No.239, 2nd Main road, 2nd Cross Road, Rajagopalnagar, Laggare, Bangalore-560058.
Nature of facility:

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan / Limit	Name of the Borrower	Sanctioned Amount
1.	06959730000024	Housing Loan	Y.K Santhosh S/o Krishnegowda	Rs.25,38,608.86/-
2.	3196768000107	MSME Loan	SLV Creation	Rs.2,52,747/-

Total Outstanding Amount as on 03.01.2022 amounts to **Rs.27,91,355.86 /-** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Five And Eighty Six Paise only) is due along with interest and costs etc.
NPA: 15.10.2021 Demand Notice Date:22.12.2021
Description of Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential Site property bearing No.4, Carved in Sy.No.120, Old CMC Municipal No.4/120, Situated at Laggare Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Measuring East to West 40-0 feet and North to South 30-0 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft with 8 Squares RCC and ACC Sheet House there on, presently comes under BBMP Limit, Rajagopalnagar ward, Ward No.70, with all basic amenities and bounded on: North by : Road, South by : Site No.29, East by: Site No.3, West by : Site No.5.

Date : 03.01.2022 Sd /- AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place : Bengaluru CANARA BANK

BANGALORE-MYSORE INFRASTRUCTURE CORRIDOR AREA PLANNING AUTHORITY
No. 5, Second Floor, Looplane, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
Phone: 080-22341230/35 E-mail: bmicapa@gmail.com

No: BMICAPA/CLU-01/09/2018-19 Date: 03-01-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
(UNDER SEC 14(A) OF KTCP ACT, 1961)

Smt. P. Sugandhaveni has requested for Change of land use as per Section 14(A) of KTCP Act 1961 pertaining to land in Sy.No: 288/3 (Old Sy.No.132) measuring an extent of 00 Acre - 15 Guntas of B.M. Kaval Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk from **Agricultural Zone to Park and Open Space use.** The applicant has stated that the change of land use sought is in the interest of public by quoting the following.

1) By developing the Park in the above said lands, the surrounding people will get quality Civic amenities.
2) During the development works of the Park there will be opportunity of employment for labourers.
3) Surrounding areas will be developed by developing the Park in the above said lands.

Objection, if any, are invited from the public, the objection may filed to **Member Secretary, BMICAPA, Bangalore** in writing to the above address mentioned in this publication within 16 days from the publication of this notice. Any objection received after 16 days will not be considered.

Sd/- Member Secretary,
DIPR/DDU/Adverto/2656/2021-22 **B.M.I.C.A.P.A., Bangalore.**

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Note:- Last date for receipt of applications is **04/02/2022**. Applications should reach the office of Registrar till **5:00 PM** on the said last date through speed/registered post only.

Registrar

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Janalakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued demand notices to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan No.	13(2) Notice Date/ Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	1) M/s. N.R.Chicken Centre,	30199660000291	07.07.2021 & Rs.3,10,186/- as on 30.06.2021	28.12.2021, 2.01 p.m
	2) Mr. Rajanna. C, 3) Mrs. Divya. R	30198649767862	17.07.2021 & Rs.35,41,709/- as on 13.07.2021	Symbolic Possession
	Description of Secured Asset: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property bearing Site bearing Old No. 226/606, New No. 473, situated at Begur, Begur Ward, Bangalore earlier located at Sy.No.183/4, and 183/9 of BegurVilage, Begur Hobli Bangalore south taluk measuring East to West 60 feet North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1800 square feet in a layout formed by Bangalore Mico Shramajeevikarmikara Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha Niyamitha (MICO SKGNSSN) in a converted land vide order No. HUD2 CEC-91-11 dated 25-11-1991, HUD 2 CEC_91 dated 29-05-1992 and Government of Karnataka given permission for sale of property vide order No. ULC (2) MISC 52/91-92 and BDA approved for forming the layout vide resolution No. 207/92 dated 19-10-1992 and now coming under Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, bounded on situated AT BEGUR Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, and together, **Bounded on the: West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.605, **South by:** Site No.609, **East by:** Private layout.			

Whereas the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the properties/secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/ Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/ Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 04.01.2022 For. Jana Small Finance Bank Limited

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Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071. Branch Office: Divyashree Chambers, # 11, O'Shaughnessy Road, 5th Floor, "A" Wing, Off Langford Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560025.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Tavarekere Branch, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore South Taluk, Tel: 080- 28434226, 28430613, Email: cb1229@canarabank.com

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(1) Borrowers: Shri Ravi Shankar G S/o Shri Gangaraju, No. 57/1, 1st floor, Tavarekere, Magadi Main Road, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South- 562130.
Smt Bhagyashree R W/o Shri Ravi Shankar G, Chennenahalli Village, Kadabagere Post, Bangalore South- 562130
Nature of facility:

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan / Limit	Date of Loan	Sanctioned Amount
01.	1229285000011	OD/CC	07.09.2018	Rs 35.00 Lakhs

Total Outstanding Amount as on 03.01.2022 amounts to **Rs 42,92,618.53** (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Ninety two thousand six hundred and eighteen and paise fifty three only) is due along with interest and costs etc.
NPA: 01.12.2020 Demand Notice Date:01.10.2021
Description of Property: EMT of Land & Building at Site No. 1, Khatha No. 28/5, Jettypalya, Chennenahalli Dhakale, Tavarekere hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Measuring East to west – 35 Ft and North to South- 110 Ft in all measuring 3850 Sq.Ft East by : Janatha Colony, West by : Magadappa's Property, North by : Property No. 10 belongs to H. V Srinivas, South by : Road

(2) Borrowers: Shri Hanumantha Raju G S/o Shri Gangaiah, No. 599, Kote beedi, Magadi Main Road, Tavarekere – 562130. **Shri Gangaiah S/o Hanumaiah,** No. 599, Kote beedi, Magadi Main Road, Tavarekere-562130.
Nature of facility:

Sl. No.	Loan Number	Nature of Loan / Limit	Date of Loan	Sanctioned Amount
01.	1229285000001	OD/CC	15.09.2018	Rs 10.00 Lakhs

Total Outstanding Amount as on 03.01.2022 amounts to **Rs 13,42,266.00** (Rupees Thirteen Lakh forty two thousand two hundred and sixty six only) is due along with interest and costs etc.
NPA: 30.11.2019 Demand Notice Date:01.10.2021
Description of Property: EMT of Land bearing No.290, Khatha No. 287 (part of kaneshmari No 128 to 131, 134 to 137 of Tavarekere Village, Magadi Taluk) Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet. East by: 15 Feet Road, West by : Sri T Srinivasaiah's vacant Land, North by : Sri Narayanappa's property, South by : 8 Feet wide sampalu

Date : 03.01.2022 Sd /- AUTHORISED OFFICER
Place : Bengaluru CANARA BANK

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NOTICE

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) & Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) hereby inform that the re-draw for Gramin/ Durgam Kshetriya Vitrak) LPG Distributor for the following locations will be held on 07th January 2022 as per details given below

Sl. No	Oil Company	Location	District	Catergory	Type of Market	Re-draw Time
1	IOC	LINGAPURA	SHIMOGA	OPEN	DKV	10:00 AM
2	IOC	TUBINAKERE	MANDYA	OPEN(W)	GRAMIN	10:15 AM
3	IOC	HANBAL	HASSAN	SC	GRAMIN	10:30 AM
4	IOC	RANGASAMUDRA	TUMKUR	OPEN(GP)	GRAMIN	10:45 AM
5	IOC	KARIMUDDANAHALLI	MYSORE	SC	GRAMIN	11:00 AM
6	IOC	TUGAONHALSI	BIDAR	SC	DKV	11:15 AM
7	IOC	ANAGAWADI	BAGALKOT	OPEN (PH)	GRAMIN	11:30 AM
8	IOC	HUNNARAGI	BELGAUM	SC (W)	GRAMIN	11:45 AM
9	IOC	GOLGERI	BIJAPUR	OBC	GRAMIN	12:00 PM
10	IOC	BAMMANAHALLI	HAVERI	OBC	GRAMIN	12:15 PM
11	BPC	ADALAGERE	TUMKUR	OBC	GRAMIN	12:30 PM
12	BPC	SUNAKALBIDARI	HAVERI	OPEN(W)	GRAMIN	12:45 PM
13	BPC	NABAPUR	BELGAUM	OBC	GRAMIN	01:00 PM
14	HPC	DABBEGHATTA	TUMKUR	ST (W)	GRAMIN	02:15 PM
15	HPC	KESAGODU	HASSAN	OPEN	DKV	02:30 PM

Venue for Draw of lots :

For all locations	**HPCL Bangalore LPG Regional Office 3&4, Whitefield Road, Mahadevpura Post Bengaluru - 560048**

Applicants who have qualified for the draw are requested to be present in person with a photo identity card issued by the any government department at the specified date, venue and time.

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Office of the Executive Engineer,
Manchanabele Project Division, Ramanagara - 562159
Ph: 080-27271259 e-mail: eempdrmgm@gmail.com

No.: 08/2021-22 Date: 01.01.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

The CNNL hereby invites Tender for the works through e-Procurement. The last date for tender submission is on **17.01.2022 at 4:30 PM**. Single cover Financial Bid / Two cover Technical Bid opening on **18.01.2022 at 5:00 PM** and Two cover Financial Bid opening on **24.01.2022 at 11:00 AM**. For further details please contact above said office or visit the above website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/RMN/BRONZE/404/2021-22 **M.P. Division, Ramanagara**

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION & G.W.D DIVISION, TUMKUR
Ref No. 08/2021-22 KW-1,2&3 (SINGLE COVER SYSTEM & TWO COVER) "E" PROCUREMENT DT. 01.01.2022

SHORT -TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION Dated : 01.01.2022

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of State of Karnataka, as per K.T.P.P act with latest amendments, Item wise "e"-procurement tenders are invited for the works mentioned under H/A 2702- Survey Works & 2702- Nonplan, from the elgible contractors of suitable category registered under KPWD/ MI. Tender publishing details are as given below.

1. Tender will be published through e-procurement on: Dated: **04.01.2022. 2.** Last date of queries on Dated: **07.01.2022** at 17.00 Hours. **3.** Last date for Receipt of completed tenders through e-procurement portal may be uploaded before 17.00 Hours on Dated: **11.01.2022 4.** Technical Bid will be opened on Dated: **13.01.2022** at 11.00 Hours. 5. Financial Bid will be opened on Dated: **17.01.2022** at 11.00 Hours. For further details, visit e-procurement website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or from the office undersigned, on working days. If the office happens to be closed on dates above as specified, the next working day at the same time and venue will be considered.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Tumkur
DIPR/TUM/508/MCA/2021-22

Government of Karnataka
Rural Development & Panchayat Department
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Chitradurga
Phone No.: 08194-234488 e-mail: eerdwsd.chd@gmail.com
No.: R.W.S.&S.D./CD/EE/TS/J.J.M./Tender/ /2021-22/1056 Date: 30.12.2021

Short-Term Tender Notice

On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Karnataka, Short-Term Tender is invited in single and two cover system through e-procurement portal, subject to Standard Tender Documents KW – 2 & 3 from eligible class contractors registered with Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Circle, Davanagere/ Chief Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Bengaluru, for 74 works in the limits of Challakere Taluk – Rs. 1266.46 lakhs and 03 works in the limits of Molakalmuru Taluk – Rs. 26.11 lakhs under J.J.M. Scheme for the year 2021-22. Last date for submission of Tender: 21.01.2022 up to 4.00 PM. Date of opening Technical Bid: 24.01.2022. Details of the works are published in website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in and for further information contact Executive Engineer, R.W.S. & S. Division, Chitradurga during office hours.

DIPR/CTA/MCA/712/2021-22 Executive Engineer

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.
Email : commissionerahvs@gmail.com Ph: 080-23412767

Tender Ref.No: : CAH:KLDA:LN2: Short term :Re-Tender: 2021-22 Date: 03/01/2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites tender through e-Procurement portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible tenderers for **Procurement of Liquid Nitrogen for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23, Tendered Amount is Rs. 2,59,95,000/-**
Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting above mentioned website from **Dtd: 03/01/2022** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through e-procurement portal from **03/01/2022 to 12/01/2022 till 17.30 hours.**
Further information can be obtained from e-procurement Portal and concerned Officer in this office during office hours.

Sd/-
Chief Veterinary Officer (S.E.C)
& Member Secretary Tender Inviting Committee
Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Bengaluru
DIPR/DDU/Zen/RO-2654/2021-22

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SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LTD.

e-Procurement Tender Notice (Paper Notification)

TSSPDCL invites tenders for **"Consultancy Services for assisting and supporting in Project Management to Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Ltd. under"** Revamped Reforms Based - Results - Linked Distribution Sector Scheme" vide tender Specification Nos. CGM(PROJ)/RDSS/PMA/01/2021-22 on e-procurement platform. **[Bid start dt: 03.01.2022, Last dt for uploading of bid: 25-01-2022, 12.00 PM].** For further details of each item above, please visit **www.tssouthernpower.com , www.tender.telangana.gov.in**
Tender ID: 286943, Phone: 040-23431321, 1006.
R.O. No. : 2518-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22 Sd/- Chief General Manager (Projects)

THE TELANGANA STATE DAIRY DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION LIMITED

Milk Products Factory, Hyderabad - 500 017
Email ID: gmmpfhyd.tsddcf@gmail.com

e-Procurement

Tender Notice No: 201/ Butter / MPF / TSDDCF / 2021 **Date: 03.01.2022**

Commercial Tenders are invited from reputed Manufacturers for supply of Butter to Milk Products Factory, Hyderabad in Telangana State through e-procurement platform @ www.tender.telangana.gov.in.

Tender No.	Tender Description
203	Supply of 150 MTs White Butter to Milk Products Factory, Hyderabad

• Start of downloading bid documents will commence from 15.01.2022
For further details please contact Mobile No. 9121160541. General Manager, MPF, Hyderabad.
DIPR No. : 2519-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2021-22

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Central Bank of India
HSR Layout Branch
No.395, 10th Main, 7th Sector,
HSR Layout,
Near Muniyappa Complex, Bangalore-560102

POSSESSION NOTICE under [Rule 8(1)] SARFAESI Rule

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of the **Central Bank of India, HSR Layout Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) and 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **14.07.2021** calling upon the borrower **1. Mr. B Sivananda Kumar** S/o B Nageswara Rao(Borrower)No.26 5th Main,18th Cross, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076 **2. Mrs. Saipriya B** W/o Mr. B Sivananda Kumar (Co-Borrower) No.26, 5th Main, 18th Cross, N S Palya, BTM 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560076. **3. Mr. B Sivananda Kumar** S/o B Nageswara Rao (Borrower) Accenture Services PVT LTD Near DIV Asree Techno Park Kundanhalli Bangalore-560037. **4. Mr. B Sivananda Kumar** S/o B Nageswara Rao (Borrower) G-15 Ground Floor, Prabhavathi Comforts, Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560068 **5. Mrs. Saipriya B** W/o Mr. B Sivananda Kumar (Co-Borrower) G-15, Ground Floor, Prabhavathi Comforts Begur Hobli, Bangalore-560068 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.30,78,834/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four Only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on **29.11.2020**), plus interest and other charges from **29.11.2020** to till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section of 4 of Section 13 of the act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules, 2002 on this **01st day of January 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the schedule property and any one dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Central Bank of India,** for an amount **Rs.30,78,834/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Four Only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on **29.11.2020**), plus further interest and Charges thereon from **29.11.2020.**

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section (13) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Detailed description of the secured asset/mortgaged property) All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat No G-15, in the Ground Floor of this apartment building 'prabhavathi Comforts' having super built-up area of 1115 sq.ft with an undivided 278 sq. feet of share, constructed on immovable property bearing converted land by Sy. No.244 and 235/3 (Vide Conversion Order bearing Official memorandum No.BDS.ALN.SR.(S):275/2002-03 dated **23.01.2003** issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore; measuring and bounded as follows: Boundaries for Entire Land: East by : Land of P Lingappa; West by : Land of M Lingappa and /Srinivas; North by :Road; and South by: Land of M Srinivas and Hallade Gade, Boundaries for the Flat: East by: Corridor/Open Space; West by: Private Property; North by : Flat No G-16; and South by: Private Property, **Standing in the name of Mr. B Sivananda Kumar S/o B Nageswara Rao and Mrs. Saipriya B w/o Mr. B Sivananda Kumar.**

Date: 01.01.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer/ Chief Manager**
Place : Bangalore **Central Bank of India**

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Central Bank of India
HSR Layout Branch
No.395, 10th Main, 7th Sector,
HSR Layout,
Near Muniyappa Complex, Bangalore-560102

POSSESSION NOTICE under [RULE 8(1)] Sarfaesi Rule

Whereas, the Authorised officer of the **Central Bank of India, HSR Layout Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **14.07.2021** calling upon the borrowers **Mr.Vimal Kumar C** S/o P Chinnasamy, **(Borrower)** Flat No G-8, Ground Floor, Prabhavathi Comforts Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560 068 **2) Mrs. Lakshmi** w/o Mr. Flat No G-8, Ground Floor, Prabhavathi Comforts Begur Hobli, Bangalore 560 068 **3) Mr.Vimal Kumar C** S/o P Chinnasamy, **(Borrower)** Flat No. F 4 First Floor, Dharni Comfort, Gan Garden Layout, Kalena Agrahara, B G Road, Bangalore 560076. **4) Mrs. Lakshmi** W/o Mr.Vimal Kumar C **(Co-Borrower)** Flat No F 4, First Floor, Dharni Comfort, Gan Garden Layout, Kalena Agrahara, B G Road, Bangalore 560076. **5) Mr.Vimal Kumar C** S/o P Chinnasamy **(Borrower)** Technical Solution Consultant, HP G.R Tech Park, Akash Block, White Field, Bangalore 560066, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.25,76,371.60** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy One rupee and Sixty Paise only) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on **14.07.2021**), plus interest and other charges from **14.07.2021** to till date within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice,

The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **01.01.2022**

The borrower and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **Central Bank of India,** for the amount of **Rs.25,76,371.60/-** (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy One rupee and Sixty Paise only) (which represents the principal plus interest clue on **14.07.2021**), plus interest and other charges from **14.07.2021.**

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section (13) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

(Detailed description of the secured asset/ mortgaged property) Primary Security:
Schedule 'A' Property: All piece and parcel of Property bearing converted lands in Sy Nos. 244 measuring 0.28 guntas and Sy. No. 235/3 measuring 0.10 Guntas in total measuring 0.38 Guntas (vide Conversion Order bearing official Memorandum No BDS.ALN.SR.(S): 275/2002-03 dated 23.01.2003 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, no under BBMP and bounded as follows: East by: Land of P Lingappa, West by : Land of M Lingappa and Srinivas, North by: Road, South By: Land of M Srinivas and Hallade Gade
Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat No G-8, in the Ground Floor of the apartment building `Prabhavathi Comforts' having super built-up area of 1085 sqft with an undivided 271 sqft of share with one hall, kitchen, Two Bed rooms, Two Toilets cum Bath room with one car parking space in the stilt floor, situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore; measuring and bounded as follows: Boundaries: East : By Private Property; West : By Corridor; North : By Flat No G-7; and South: By Open Space.
Standing in the name of Standing in the name of Mr.Vimal Kumar C S/o P. Chinnasamy

Date: 01.01.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Place : Bangalore **Central Bank of India**

BENGALURU URBAN, BENGALURU RURAL & RAMANAGARA DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES LIMITED, BENGALURU

Bengaluru Dairy, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, D.R.C. Post, Bangaluru-560029, Ph: 25536261/25536262 Fax: 25536597

TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL TENDER OF WORKS PART-1 TENDER INVITATION (I F T)

IFT No. BAMUL/GM(E)E-Tender/PW-10/CIVIL-3/29/23/2021-22 **Date: 01-01-2022**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Tender are invited through e-procurement portal from eligible tenderers registered in PWD Department / Central PWD Department / M.E.S Departments at the following places at Bangalore Milk Union Ltd. Work / Services details and schedule is given in the Table below. The Earnest Money Deposit (E.M.D.) should be valid for 45 days beyond the validity of the tender. Earnest money deposit will have to be paid in any one of the forms as specified in the tender document through e-procurement portal only.

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Civil works for establishment of 150MT butter deep freeze in main dairy premises, Bengaluru	Car lease for Manager (Quality Control, Main dairy-BAMUL) to office tour. (Re-tender)	TENDER FOR TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY (ARCHITECT) SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF QUARTRES, ADMIN BLOCK AND OTHER BLOCKS @BAMUL BENGALURU
1	Package No.	KW - 1	----	----
2	Contractors Grade	Class - 3 and above	----	Registered in Council of Architect
3	Estimated cost of work (in Rs.)	10,66,901 + 18% GST = 12,58,943.00	10,00,000.00	Estimated amount of residential works: 40 Crores + GST Estimated amount of administration block and other blocks: 15 Crores + GST
4	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	31,500.00	25,000.00	1,00,000.00
5	Period of Completion	60 Days (Including Monsoon)	2 Years	---
6	Access to E-Tender Portal only	From 04.01.2022 to 18.01.2022 upto 2.30 PM		From 04.01.2022 to 04.02.2022 upto 2.30 PM
7	Last date for tender Queries	14.01.2022 upto 11.30 AM		27.01.2022 upto 11.30 AM
8	Last date & time for Submission of Tenders	18.01.2022 upto 2.30 PM		03.02.2022 upto 2.30 PM
9	Date & time for opening of Technical Tender (Part-I)	19.01.2022 upto 02.45 AM		04.02.2022 upto 02.45 PM
10	Date & time for opening of Commercial Tender (Part-II) : **Will be informed to successful tenderer**			
11	Place of pre-bid meeting, opening of Technical / Commercial Bid: **Bamul, Board Room, Dr. M.H. Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029**			

More details on the tender are available in e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Managing Director
Tender Inviting Authority, Bangalore Milk Society Union Limited

TUMKUR VEERASHAIVA CO-OP BANK LTD,

A.O. Dr. S. Radhakrishna Road, S.S. Puram, Tumkur - 572102,
Ph No. : 0816 - 2254394, Fax : 2254027, E-Mail : tvcbank@gmail.com

TENDER – CUM – AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the Authorised Officer, **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd.,** has taken possession of the mortgaged properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act read with the relevant rules of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Name of the Borrower	Description of Property	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of Opening Tender and Place of Auction	Reserve Price & EMD Amount
1) Mrs. K S Gayathri @ K S Rashmi W/o B T Chikkaputtegowda No.342, 2nd Cross, 5th Main Road, Kengeri Sattelite Town, Bangalore-560060.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House No.342, BDA Kengeri Purasabha Katha No.149, present Katha No.154/149/342, Kengeri Upanagara Extension, Bangalore. measuring East to West 18.8 meter, North to South 13.00 meters. Bounded By: East: Property No.352, West: Road, North: Property No.343, South: Road.	**Rs.3,19,96,846/-** (Rupees Three Crore Nineteen Lakhs Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Six only) as on **31.12.2021,** along with interest at the applicable rate and costs thereon.	**16/02/2022 at 11.30 AM Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd. Chamarajapete Branch Bangalore.**	**Rs.3,60,18,750/- (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only) EMD: Rs.36,01,875/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy Five Only)**

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale: -
(1) The Tender form can be collected from **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Chamrajpet Branch,** No. 13/154, Manjusha, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore- 560018. **(ph. 080-26616551)** on all working days during office hours. **(2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD of 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore**- payable at Bangalore. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Tender – cum – Auction Sale Notice. **(3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., Bangalore** latest by**15.02.2022** before **5.00 P M**. Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **(4)** The property " Shall Not" be sold below the reserve price. **(5)** In case the bidder is not successful the E M D amount shall be refunded without interest. **(6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **(7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders at **11.30 AM** on **16.02.2022 (8)** After opening the tenders, the intending bidders may be given opportunity at the discretion of the Authorised Officer to have, intense bidding amongst themselves to enhance the offer Price. **(9)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, in Cash or Demand Draft and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property shall be put for re-auction. **(10)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **(11)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or/ bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify an or all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **(12)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **(13)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidder between 10.00 AM and -5.00PM at his expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **(14)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.
For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd., (ph. 080-26616551 and 9686114756) Chamrajpet Branch, No. 13/154, Manjusha, 5th Main, 1st Cross, Chamarajpet, Bangalore- 560018. And for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property contact (ph. 080-23637778/9686114762) E-Mail: tvcbrtnbr@gmail.com & br.0010m@tvcbltd.com

Date: 03.01.2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Tumkur Veerashaiva Co-Op Bank Ltd,**

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Alphonse Joseph Lawrence/ Christina Manjari Burgia- Damousdei # 24-1 Crss 2 Stage Akshay NGR PC palayamain RD Ramamurthy NGR Bangalore- 560016/ LBBNG00001622570	All That Part And Parcel of Property Southern Portion of Site: No. 24, in Property No.1/4, Katha No.71/ A/1/4 (old) New Katha No.1606, Situated at Kowdenahalli, K.R. Puram Hobli, Erstwhile Bangalore South Taluk, Now It Is Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East To West 30 Feet And North To South 20 Feft, in All Measuring 600 Square Feet And Property Being Bounded: on The East By Site No. 21 on The West By 20 Feet Road on The North By: Remaining Portion of Same Site No. 24 Belongs to N. Yellumalai on The South By: Site No. 25 The Schedule Property Consisting of 550 Square Feet R.C.C. Roofed House in The Ground Floor and 550 Square Feet R.C.C. Roofed House in The First Floor and Property Provided With Water and Electricity Facility	30.08.2021 Rs. 17,03,552.00/-	10/06/ 2021
2.	Vinod Menon/ Lavanya M Nair- 304 D, Lakeview APTS, 83/86 Hpl Tiles Compound, Pavamana Nagar, Kothnur Dinne Road, JP Nagr, 8th Phase, Bangalore- 560076/ LBBNG00001721622	Schedule 'a' All That Piece And Parcel of Residential Property Bearing Vacant Site No.4, Formed In A Layout Consisting of Converted Land Sy.nos.5/3 And 6/2 Converted Vide order NO. BDS. ALN. SR [S] 585/2004-05 Dated 04.02.2005of Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, Situated At Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobi, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently. Bommanahalli C.m.c. Khatha No. 3503/2189/5/3 and 6/2. New Khatha No.3594, Measuring East To West: on The Northern Side 98 Feet, Southern Side 106 Feet and North To South 90 Feet, In All Measuring 9180 Square Feet Schedule 'b' 420 Sq. Ft. of Undivided Share, Right, Title And Interest In The Land Comprising in Schedule A Property Mentioned Above Together With 3 Bedrooms Apartment Bearing No. C 4 in The Third Floor, Measuring 1375 Sq. Ft. Super Built Up Area (including Common Areas) With Covered Car Parking Slot No. C4 Be In The Part of Multistoried Residential Complex Known as "c & D Lake View" Constructed At Premises Bearing Site Bearing No. 4, CMC Khatha No. 3503/2189, Formed In The Layout Carved Out of Converted Lands Bearing Sv. Nos. 5/3 and 6/2, Situated At Kothanur Village, Untarahalli Hobli. Bangalore South Taluk, Along With one Half Part In Depth of The Joints Between The Ceiling of The Apartments and The Floor of The Space Above It and Internal and External Walls Such Level as With Concealed Wiring With Proportionate Share in Common Access And Areas of The Building Like Entrance Loyer, Common Corridors In All Floors, Staircases Including Landing Up to The Terrace, Machine Room, Housing and Lift Machineries of Passenger Elevator Along With Necessary Cabin, Winches and Motor Etc., Pump Sets, Houses In Pump Room Along With Necessary Valves, Starters Etc., And Common Areas Electrical Systems And Bounded on East By: Lake, West By: Flat No. B1. North By: Site No. 3. South By: Flat No. D 4	30.08.2021 Rs. 13,03,125.00/-	11/05/ 2021
3.	Vedashree D Kanvinde/ Gautham Sharma R- D No- 2 Dn Gopalappa Building Near Govt School E- City Doddathosur Bangalore- 560100/ LBBNG00002456043/ LBBNG00002886238	Schedule- A All That Piece And Parcel Immoveable Property Bearing Survey Nos. 149/2, 150/2, 151/3 and 152/3, Situated At Madivala (Bandapura) Village, Marsur Post, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District- 562 106, Totally Measuring 1,34,610 Square Feet Schedule- B West Facing, Apartment No. 003 on The Ground Floor of Block "E" of The Residential Apartment Complex Known As "Sipani Bliss" Constructed Upon Schedule A Property, Having Super Built Up Area of 1,275square Feet Consisting of Three Bed Rooms, Hall, Kitchen, Balcony And Toilets, Along With Proportionate 542.51 Square Feet of Undivided Share, Title And Interest In The Land Comprised in Schedule A Property, With one open Car Parking Space at Ground Level and Proportionate Interest In The Common Areas Such As Passages, Lobbies, Lifts Staircases, Club House, Swimming Pool, Gymnasium, And other Common facilities mentioned in the Annexure.	30.08.2021 Rs. 29,84,481.00/-	06/04/ 2021
4.	Deepika N M/ Nagesh B M- No. 98 Suryasri 3rd Main Brightway Layout, Vasanthpura Post Bangalore- 560010/ LBBNG00003268220	All That Piece And Parcel of The Residential Property of Northern Portion of Site No. 23, Formed In Converted Sy.no.2/3d, (vide Conversion order Bearing Official Memorandum No: Bdis. ALN.SR(S) 773/2004-05, Dated: 11/04/2005 Signed And Issued By Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District) Situated At Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently The Property Comes Under The Jurisdiction of The Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore The Said Authority Had Assigned Property Bearing No. 2/3d/23, New Bbmp Property No. 1234/673/2/3d/23, BBMP SI. NO. 673 Channasandra, Rajarajeshwarinagar Sub-range Ward No.160of Bangalore Maasuring East to West 30-0 (Thirty Feet and North to South: 20-00 (twenty) Feet, In All Measuring 600 Square Feet	30.08.2021 Rs. 44,92,044.10/-	06/05/ 2021
5.	Masum Ali/ M Rahimath Be- No. 21 Vidya Nilayanear Ganaga Deshwara Tempal 3rd Cross 6th Main Bhuvaneshwari Nagara, Bangalore- 560057/ LBBNG00004795628	Schedule All That Place And Parcel of The Property Bearing House No. 76, Khatha No. 44/74 (old Gramatana Katha No- 601) Situated at Old Dasarahalli City Municipality Ward No. 15, Now Bbmp Dasarahalli Zone, Dasarahalli Sub-zone, Ward No. 15, Yashavanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, Measuring East to West: 23.00 Ft. or 7.01 Meter, North to South: 45.00 Ft. or 13.72 Meter, Total: 1035 Sq. Ft. And Rcc House Measuring 8 Ft, Ground Floor And 8 Ft. First Floor, Total 16 Ft. Built With Bricks And Cement Wall, Mosaic Flooring, Jungle Wood Windows And Doors, and other Civic Amenities	30.08.2021 Rs. 45,45,763.00/-	06/05/ 2021
6.	Parikshith N/ Thimappa Narayana- 265 Ground Floor Royal Lake Front Residency 8th Phase JP Nagaropp Rlf Boa Park Bangalore- 560078/ LBBNG00005423519	(As Described in The Loan Document / Property Document Covering All That Piece and Parcel of Site No. 04, Formed in Sy. No.17/1 and 17/a, Present Survey No.17/1a2 & 17/1a4, Converted For Residential Purpose Videofficial Memorandum No. ALN/ (S) SR/ (Ken) /51/2011-12, Dated 09/08/2011, Issued By Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, Situated At Pattanagere Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Measuring East To West: 30-0 Feet and North to South: 40-0 Feet, Totally Measuring 1200 Sq.ft., The Property Comes Under The Limits o f Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Hemmigepura Ward No.198	23.08.2021 Rs. 51,27,930.00/-	07/06/ 2021
7.	Jayanth Kumar M/ Apoorva G- No. 926 Jeeva 22nd A Main 24th Crosshsr Layout Sector 2 Bangalore- 560102/ LBBNG00002913934	Schedule Property A All The Piece And Parcel of Residentially Converted Land Measuring 13 Guntas in Sy. No.10/1, (old Survey No.87/4), (Converted By The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore Videlts No. A in (EVH) S.R. 146/2010-11 Dated 01.07.2011,) Situated At Kaggadasapura Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now Coming Under The Bruhat Bangalore Mahangara Palike, Bangalore, Mahadevapura Zone, Ward No. 81, Bangalore District Schedule 'B' Property 336.41 Sq. Ft. Undivided Share of The Land, Right, Title, Interest and ownership in Schedule 'A' Property. Schedule 'C' Property All That Residential Apartment Bearing No. 102 Situated In The Ground Floor of The Residential Apartment Building By The Name "sands Galaxy" Built in Schedule A' Property And Apartment Measuring 1205 8q. Ft. Super- Built- Up Area Including Proportionate Share in Common Areas, Passengers, Lobbies, Staircases, Swimming Pool and other areas of Common Use With one Covered Car Park	21.08.2021 Rs. 42,13,888.00/-	31/03/ 2019

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 04, 2022 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

QuoteExpress **YOU CAN'T WAIT FOR INSPIRATION. YOU HAVE TO GO AFTER IT WITH A CLUB** › JACK LONDON

A 28-year-old interior designer was killed on the spot after his speeding bike crashed into a flyover pylon in KG Halli on Monday. The pillion rider was injured. The deceased has been identified as Kushal B

BEST BET?

VAX MIX NOT JUST SAFE, ALSO EFFECTIVE: STUDY

Findings of pilot important when considering the third dose

DONITA JOSE @ Hyderabad

A study by AIG hospital along with Asian Healthcare Foundation has found that mixing of vaccines is not only safe but is also effective.

The study, which is currently in its preprint stage, has found that the spike-protein neutralising antibodies found in the mixed vaccine group is atleast four times higher than same-vaccines group.

The study titled, "Safety and Immunogenicity of Mix-Match of vaccines-Covishield and Covaxin-a pilot study" is in pre-print in the journal, Research Square. The pilot study at the outset screened a total of 330 healthy volunteers who were not vaccinated and had no history of Covid-19 infection.

They were then screened for SARS-COV-2 antibodies and it was found that out of these 330, only 44 or 13% participants were seronegative, i.e., who didn't have Covid-19 related antibodies.

It is on these 44 that further analysis of mix-match vaccines was done, with 21 receiving the same set of vaccines and 23 receiving the mix-match vaccines.

All these 44 participants were followed for 60 days to see if there are any adverse effects. The study conclusively showed that mixing of vaccines are absolutely safe as none of the participants developed any adverse effects, said the hospital.

A health worker vaccinates a youth in Hyderabad on Monday | VINAY MADAPU

The most important finding of the study was that the Spike-protein neutralizing antibodies found in the mixed vaccine groups were significantly higher than the same-vaccine groups.

Dr D Nageshwar Reddy, Chairman AIG hospital, who is also among the researchers involved in the study said, "Spike-protein neutralizing antibodies are the ones which kills the virus and reduces the overall infectivity. We found that when the first and second dose are of different vaccines, the Spike-protein antibody response is four times higher compared to two-dose of the same vaccine."

He further observed that the findings of the pilot were more important when considering the third dose to be given in the coming week. The concept of a booster is to elicit robust antibody response and help in killing the virus. Mixed doses can certainly boost these Spike-protein neutralizing antibodies and will enhance the vaccines' effectiveness even against the Omicron variant," Dr Reddy further added.

Jagan meets Modi, discusses Polavaram

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday requested Narendra Modi for an early approval of the Revised Cost Estimates (RCE) of Rs 55,657 crore for the Polavaram Project at 2017-18 price levels. He also urged the Prime Minister to allow the state to borrow at Net Borrowing Ceiling (NBC) of Rs42,472 crore as per FRBM Act and not the decreased Rs 17,923.24 crore as being communicated by the Ministry of Finance.

During an hour-long meeting with the Prime Minister on the first day of his two-day visit to New Delhi, the Chief Minister discussed various issues related to the state and also raised the pending issues.

Elaborating on Polavaram project, the Chief Minister said the project cost of Polavaram project has increased significantly when cost for the land acquisition as per the Land Acquisition Act 2013 is taken into consideration.

Pointing out that increased cost of the project since 2014, the CM said majority of the project expenditure will be for land acquisition besides R&R components as project displaced families have to be rehabilitated. Further drinking water is part of the irrigation component. Revised Cost Estimates of the projects were approved by central institutions, but the same was rejected and further it was said project funding will be limited for irrigation components only that too excluding drinking water component.

AP CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy with PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Monday

He sought intervention of the PM in the issue as any further delay would only increase the project cost of Polavaram project. He urged him to instruct the Ministry of Finance to give early approval for the revised cost estimates of Rs 55,657 crore and also clear the pending bills of the project to the tune of Rs 2,100 crore.

Elaborating on the financial crisis being faced by the state since 2019-20, Jagan said that economic slowdown had its impact on the state in 2019-20 and the state has received only Rs 28,242 crore as against its tax share of Rs 24,833 crore. In the financial year 2020-21,Covid pandemic had an adverse impact on the state finances.

The State lost Rs 7,780 crore of its tax share and also lost a revenue to the tune of Rs 7,000 crore from other sources. At the same time Rs 8,000 crore were spent for Covid prevention and containment measures.

HC upholds order to draw blood, conduct DNA test of rape accused

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court upheld the order passed by a trial court to draw the blood sample from a rape accused, to test the paternity of a child, who is now deceased.

IN THE HC

Dismissing the petition filed by the accused, questioning the order of the trial court in January 2017 on the ground that the order amounts to self-incrimination, Justice HP Sandesh said the contention of the accused cannot be accepted. "I do not find any error committed by the magistrate in ordering for a DNA test," the judge added.

The court said the contention of the petitioner's counsel, that the order passed by the magistrate amounts to violation of Article 20(3) of the Constitution and procedure under Section 164 of CrPC, cannot be accepted.

According to the judgment, the accused-petitioner Malappa, from Sindhanur of Raichur district, offered coolie work to a 28-year-old woman and allegedly raped her. After she became pregnant, her parents questioned the accused who asked them to show evidence in support of their allegations. The prosecution filed an application before the trial court to conduct a DNA test, and sought direction to the Chief Medical Officer to extract the relevant portion of the body of her deceased infant for conducting a DNA test. The magistrate court came to the conclusion that identification of infant's DNA is necessary for investigation, and directed the CMO to conduct a DNA test.

FOREST FEAR

Tiger census: Covid scare haunts staffers

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BUT the fear of Covid continues to haunt the department staff. Whether the census can be done in a staggered manner or at the earliest will depend on a crucial meeting on Covid restrictions between Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and the expert committee on Tuesday.

"We have not prepared a calendar as planned earlier, but left it to the reserves and wildlife sanctuaries to take up the census based on the availability of staff," the official added.

The census was earlier delayed because of the pandemic. When it was decided to be started, bugs were detected in the M-Stripe app during testing. NTCA has specified that a uniform app should be used across the country to upload details during the census. "We found many technical issues and resolving them at the central level took long. We will use the app and also manually note down the details to ensure better efficiency. We cannot delay the exercise any further as computing takes time," the official added.

Delay in mango flowering worries growers

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NR Chinnappa Reddy, president, Kolar Mango Growers' Association, said that normally, flowering starts in December, especially for alphonso and sendhura varieties. But this year, there is hardly any flowering in Kolar, which contributes nearly 8 lakh tonnes to total production.

"At least 100 days are needed to get fruits from the time of flowering. If flowering is delayed, fruits will be delayed. If the monsoon sets in by then, we will face problems," he said.

Accused issued SIM card in widow's name, used it to plot BJP man's murder

AJAY KANTH @ Kochi

VALSALA Krishnankutty, a 54-year-old widow from Punnapara in Alappuzha, got the shock of her life when a group of police officers knocked on her doors and asked how a SIM card taken in her name was used by an accused in BJP leader Ranjith Sreenivasan's murder.

After a detailed probe based on Valsala's statement, the police found out how one of the accused, Badusha, with the alleged help of SDPI panchayat member Sulfikkar S, managed to get her Aadhaar number and other identification details to purchase the SIM card on August 10, 2021, and used it for plotting the murder on December 19.

"I was shocked when a police team came to me asking for the details of the SIM card taken in my name. It was only when the police told me the issue, I understood how they duped me," Valsala told *TNIE*.

"I work as a domestic help and stay with my sister. How can they do this to me?" asked Valsala. She said she gave her Aadhaar details to Badusha, who runs a mobile shop named 'B&B' to take a SIM card. "I went to the shop and sought his help to get a new SIM. He asked me to stand in front of a camera and took my photograph twice. He gave me a SIM. I only know this much," she said.

The police have registered a case against Badusha and Sulfikkar. Sulfikkar is the member of ward No 12 in Punnapara panchayat. "The probe revealed that it was as per the direction of Sulfikkar that the woman's documents were misused to take another SIM in her name," the officer said.

Actor writes to CM, seeks probe after disclosures against Dileep

KOCHI: Raising her concerns about the recent turn of events in the case, the female actor who was sexually assaulted in February 2017 wrote a letter to CM Pinarayi Vijayan, seeking further investigation into the case in the light of the recent revelations of director Balachandra Kumar. In the letter, the actor expressed her anguish and urged the CM to help her get justice. In her letter, the actor conveyed her concerns about the fate of her case with two special public prosecutors quitting one after another during trial. She urged the CM to look into the reasons behind the two SPPs quitting in rapid succession, and urged that a capable SPP be appointed soon. She also raised apprehensions about why nothing has been done to look into the allegations raised by Balachandra Kumar against Dileep. The actor said these allegations need to be probed. "I seek justice," wrote the survivor to the CM. As of now, she is yet to get any reply from the CM's office. Balachandra Kumar, who claimed to be Dileep's friend, had recently levelled serious allegations against the star, who is the eighth accused in the case. **ENS**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE X ADDL.DISTRICT AND SESSIONS JUDGE (DEDICATED COMMERCIAL COURT) BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT BANGALORE

COMM OS NO.695/2021

Between:

M/s. Union Bank of India Sarjapura Branch, No 84, Above Super Market, Attibele Main Road, Sarjapura Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore-562125, ...Plaintiff

Represented by its: Branch Manager. Mr. Jampula Siddhartha, Aged about 28 years, S/o Jampula Vengopal.

AND

Satish R. Aged about 28 yrs S/o Rajaram S, Residing at No 136, Brahmin Street, Near Telephone Office, Sarjapura, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore-562125 .....Defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas M/s. Union Bank of India, reptd by Mr. Jampula Siddhartha, has instituted a suit against you for money recovery and you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person on 12.01.2022 at 11.00 o' clock in the forenoon to answer the claim, and you are directed to produce on that day all the document upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

The said Defendant to take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned the suit will be heard and disposed ex-parte on merits.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 23rd Dec 2021

By Order of the Court
Sheristedar
X Addl. District & Sessions Court,
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
N.S Nanaiah, Sai Associates
Off: No.27/B, Deccan Palms, Opp Dwarka Nilaya,
Ananthnagar Phase II, Electronic City, Bangalore-560100

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, DIVISION DHARWAD

SECTION 1: INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (Two Cover System) Kw-1&2

Reg : This office tender Notification No. 32/2020-21 Dated: 01/01/2022

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division, Dharwad, Under Dharwad, Sub Division invites tenders for 07 Works in Standard Bid Document Kw-1&2 through e-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka, viz., **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible contractors for the work under **Head of Account :** 4702 SCP-**07** Work, (Electrical And Civil)Amount put to tender: Rs. **37.24** Lakhs E.M.D amount Rs. **0.93** Lakhs and. Minimum Amount put to tender: Rs **0.06** Lakhs E.M.D amount Rs. **0.17** Lakhs Period of downloading tender documents from e-procurement portal: From **10/01/2022** to **17/01/2022** upto 17:30 hrs. Last date for submission of tender documents through e-procurement portal: up to 17:30 hrs on **17/01/2022.** And any other Corrigendum and Postponement Notification will be published only through **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Other details may be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days. Details published on the e-procurement website @ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** are final.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
M.I. & G. W. D. Division, Dharwad

DIPR/DWD/MCA/833/2021-22

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE: SUNDARGARH
AT/PO-SANKARA, SUNDARGARH-770020, E-mail address-serw_sundargarh@yahoo.com
No. Tender Online - RWCCESNG-31 of 2021-22, Letter No.3869 /Dtd.29.12.2021

O-1624 **e-Procurement NOTICE**

1. Type of the Work: Road along with Bridge
2. Class of Contractor: As specified in the column-6 of the Annexure
3. Time of Completion: As specified in the column-5 of the Annexure
4. Detail Projects: As per Annexure attached
5. Estimated Cost: As specified in the column-4 of the Annexure
6. Other details:

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of Seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh	RWCCESNG-31 of 2021-22	31.12.2021 11:00 AM	21.01.2022 5:00 PM	20.01.2022 5:00 PM	24.01.2022 11:00 AM	Will be intimated separately

Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/-Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sundargarh OIPR-25133/11/0043/2122

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION ORGANISATION
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RWS&S DIVISION, DHENKANAL
E-mail- eerwss-dkl@nic.in

INVITATIONS FOR BIDS THROUGH e-Procurement
Bid Identification No - 25/S.E/RWSS/2021-22/Dhenkanal/Dt. 29.12.2021

O-1606: The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage bid through e-procurement in Double cover system from contractors having experience as mentioned in DTCN of work for the Projects according to norm of e-Procurement system in on-line mode. Nature of Work: - Execution of Rural Piped Water Supply Scheme in Sadar Block under Dhenkanal District.

1. No. of Tenders : 01 No.
2. Tender Paper Cost :10,000/-
3. Value of work : Rs. 365.55
4. Class of Contractor : A & Special
5. Date & time of availability of bid document in portal : 07.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M 20.01.2022 Up to 5.00 P.M
6. Date & time of seeking tender clarification : 19.01.2022 up to 05.00 P.M
7. Date & time of opening of tender : 21.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M in the office of the Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Dhenkanal.
8. Time of completion : 11 (Eleven) Months
9. The bidders have to participate in online biding only. Further details can be seen from the website https://wwvv.tendersorissa.gov.in.
10. Corrigendum if any shall be publish in the above website only.

Sd/-Superintending Engineer,
RWS&S Division, Dhenkanal OIPR-25029/11/0005/2122

Government of Odisha, Office of the Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.
Tel-0663-2548268, E-mail Id serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com
Bid Identification No. Road Tender Online RWCSBP-46/2021-22 No: 3702 Dated: 30.12.2021

O-1613: The Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **online percentage rate** Bid from experienced & eligible bidders for 01 (One) no of Improvement of Roads funding under MMSY Scheme during the year 2021-22.

1 Name of work : Improvement of Roads funding under MMSY Scheme during the year 2021-22.
2 No of works : 01(One) no as per DTCN.
3 Estimated cost : Approximately Rs.551.40 lakhs
4 Class of Contractor. : 'A' & Special
5 Cost of tender paper and mode of deposit. : Rs. 10,000/- per set.(to be deposited On-line) in favour of concerned Executive Engineer.
6 Mode of submission of tender : Tender should be submitted only On line in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)
7 EMD and mode of deposit : No.EMD is required but Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in DTCN.

8 Summary of key dates are provided below

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last date& time for seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle Sambalpur	Road Tender Online RWCSBP- 46 /2021-22	05.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	18.01.2022 upto 5.00 PM	13.01.2022 upto 5.00 PM	19.01.2022 at 11.00 AM	Will be intimated later

*Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)
* Subsequent modification/ corrigendum/Addendum if required shall appear in website only.
* The amount put to bid is exclusive of GST., *Bidder should inspect the Bridge before bidding and quote his rate accordingly.

Sd/- Chief Construction Engineer, Rural, Works Circle, Sambalpur OIPR-25091/11/0061/2122

Government of Odisha, Office of the Superintending Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur.
Tel-0663-2548268, E-mail Id serwcirclesbp@yahoo.com
Bid Identification No. Road Tender Online RWCSBP-42 No: 3691 Dated: 30.12.2021

O-1609: The Superintending Engineer Rural Works Circle, Sambalpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites online percentage rate Bid from experienced & eligible bidders for 1 (one) No. group of road works under Periodical renewal of Post DLP roads for the year 2021-22, such as renewal coat with laying SDBC in the districts of Sambalpur.

1 Name of work : Periodical renewal of Post DLP roads for the year 2021-22 , such as renewal coat with laying SDBC under R.W Division, Sambalpur.
2 No of works : 1(One) no group details as per DTCN.
3 Estimated cost : Approximately varies from Rs.117.98 lakhs
4 Class of Contractor. : B and A
5 Cost of tender paper and mode of deposit. : Rs. 10,000/- per set.(to be deposited On-line) in favour of concerned Executive Engineer.
6 Mode of submission of tender : Tender should be submitted only On line in website www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https://tendersodisha.gov.in)
7 EMD and mode of deposit : **No.EMD is required but Bid Security declaration should be furnished by the bidders as mentioned in DTCN.**

8 Summary of key dates are provided below

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last date& time for seeking clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer Rural, Works Circle Sambalpur	Road Tender Online - RW-CSBP- 42	05.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M.	18.01.2022 up to 4.00 P.M.	13.01.2022 to 5.00 P.M.	19.01.2022 at 11.00 A.M.	To be intimated later

*Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tendersorissa.gov.in. (https//tendersodisha.gov.in)
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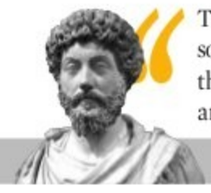

"The longest-lived and those who will die soonest lose the same thing. The present is all that they can give up, since that is all you have, and what you do not have, you cannot lose

Marcus Aurelius

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— Ramnath Goenka

SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE STRUCTURAL DIMINUTION OF WOMEN

The Constitution of India, considered a progressive document if there ever was one, guarantees equal rights to all its citizens, and that presumably includes women. And indeed, India has the glory of putting women at the helm not just in politics but in just about every sphere of life. The virtual world has twisted the terms of engagement, though, giving an unknown quantum of humanity invested with a criminal mindset the licence to operate in public—with little consequence to themselves.

The social media has never been an easy place for women. Particularly those with a mind of their own, and the means to express it. Even so, the uploading of the photos of 100 influential Muslim women on an app called 'Bulli Bai', supposedly for auction, plumbs a never-before depth of depravity. The crude nomenclature itself reflected a debased mindset that has, alas, become easy to flaunt. It took a woman journalist's FIR, and a larger public outcry, for the IPC to be invoked. The police has sought information from Twitter on the account from which the first tweet on the 'Bulli' app was sent out. It has also written to the host platform, GitHub, about the app developer; GitHub has since suspended the app. The Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) is now coordinating a multi-city probe. All that is kosher.

But the fact remains that if unambiguous and exemplary action had been taken against those who floated a similar app called 'Sulli Deals' in 2021, there may have been no recurrence. The existence of a repressed, criminal male mind will surprise no woman. It's the system's lack of a morally driven punitive structure—and the consequent impunity assumed by the criminals—that is striking these days. There is often a touch of 'normalcy' to the structural diminution of the female gender anyway. It is, after all, a time when a 31-member parliamentary committee to decide the marriage age for women has only one woman member!

A BIG YEAR FOR INDIAN SPORTSPERSONS

Just as we were getting back into the contagious relaxed rhythm of sports, the virus has suddenly emerged again. The year 2022 is going to be tough for sports, sportspersons and of course the fans. The calendar is packed with diverse sporting events. For India, 2022 would go beyond just an examination of human endurance and resilience. It would test the next-generation athletes who are expected to carry the country's sporting legacy. It could be the stepping stone for the next Olympics and a barometer for gauging performance of stars and superstars. It might turn into a year that could propel an obscure sportsperson into the world of fame.

The Commonwealth Games (July-August) and the Asian Games (September) would be the perfect launching vehicle for some stars still in the fringes, who are looking for that little spark to excel—especially in sports like badminton, athletics, wrestling, hockey, boxing and shooting. Even as most national sports federations have been insisting that it's time to infuse new blood, the two events would determine how much courage they have to back youngsters and usher in change after the Olympics. In Indian sports, pressure from multiple sides, including individuals and organisations, is not new. One particular World Championships—athletics—would be followed more intensely than ever before. It's here that Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra's mettle will be tested before heading to the two multi-discipline events. For one of India's greatest Olympic athletes P V Sindhu, All England would be the holy grail she would be chasing besides other challenges.

It would be sacrilege to not mention the T20 cricket World Cup in Australia later this year and what awaits the Indian men's team. After the recent brouhaha over captaincy changes in the shorter formats, all eyes will be on that title as India has not won an ICC trophy since 2013. The young team led by a veteran and a new coach knows how important the cup would be for transitioning into the next phase. For the Indian women's team, the World Cup in New Zealand would be the focus. Again, everything depends on the pandemic that has the ability to alter any situation in a short time.

Business today runs on borrowed wheels and legs. No one owns anything any more. Everything is outsourced, dividing the world into silos of specific competence

HUMANITY IS MOVING TOWARDS MACHINE LIFE

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I was at a traffic signal, halted endlessly in my car. I looked ahead and saw a sea of two-wheelers. There was a Swiggy delivery boy with a large backpack tied to his shoulders, sitting on a Yulu bike, waiting for the signal to clear as well. As I scanned around, literally everyone on a two-wheeler was on a delivery mission. It was either an e-commerce delivery, D2C, food or even flower supply. Our big city roads are clogged with delivery angels heading to homes. Dashing around on their outsourced wheels, all in a hurry to meet delivery deadlines.

I got to my office and went onto my terrace deck to take a breather with a hot cup of coffee. And here, I saw this eagle fly. It was making these endless rounds all on its own, picking fallen twigs off the ground and flying them deftly to a tall tree where it was making a home. This eagle was building its nest, all by itself. It was a seasonal thing and was not being outsourced. It must be an art and a science of its own. This eagle knew how to do it well. As all eagles do. No eagle outsources anything. Not to any man, woman or bird.

But we humans do. Everything around us is progressively being outsourced. Seldom do we do things on our own. Owning every process, every thought, every system and every move is an antediluvian business and life practice. Business today runs on borrowed wheels and legs. The Swiggy delivery boy does not own the Yulu bike. It is borrowed for a price. The cloud kitchen of the restaurant from where the Swiggy order is picked up is not owned as well. It is outsourced. The chefs in it are outsourced. The supply-in mechanism is outsourced. The supply-out mechanism is outsourced. The premises are outsourced. No one owns anything any more. If you do, you are frowned upon. It's an old business practice that is so-so yesterday. So inefficient as well.

When I look at the size of the outsourcing business in the world. The global BPO market size stands at an estimated $245.91 billion. The estimate for 2028 stands at $435.89 billion, with a salivatingly robust CAGR of 8.5%. Literally in every realm of progressive business, be it banking, financial services, healthcare or manufacturing, everyone is on a spree to outsource. Outsourcing brings with it the joy of improved efficiency, reduction of operational costs of every kind and is a useful way to provide support to customer services of every kind. This is a clever and cultivated process as opposed to the old practice of monopolistic business ownership of every link in the chain that believed in in-sourcing everything.

The business practice that has lost its relevance today seems to be the one that propagated ownership and generalisation. Today is the day and age of specialisation. Everyone seems to work best in a vertical of competence that is about fine-focus and finely defined. There is someone who is good at procurement, and then there is another who is good at one specific manufacturing process. The powder-coating guy is a specialist, just as a tool-lathe guy is a specialist.

Specialisation and the yen to outsource have therefore divided the world into silos of specific competence. The more you do one thing, the more you excel in it. A nice thought and one that has driven our industrial world for decades.

> Let's think about our own lives. I don't know how to sharpen a kitchen knife or replace a tyre on a car. Let it all be outsourced as we do higher-end chores of higher value. But are we vacating spaces of basic competence we are meant to own and enjoy?

But it is time to question this thought. Must one specialise? Must one outsource competencies of every human kind? Isn't man meant to be a comprehensive bundle of it all? The complete man even? As man outsources literally every activity he did on his own before, to minions of every kind, is he becoming good for nothing at all? Is outsourcing making us less competent, less wholesome and less willing to do all the dirty and hard jobs we did in the old days?

Let's think about our own lives. I don't know how to sharpen a kitchen knife. I don't know how to replace a tyre on a car, fix a broken pipe, cook up a nice rasam, or even for that matter write a love letter. Everything is outsourced today, every small chore. And everything is available online. The idea is a simple one again. Why do the small things that take up so much personal time and energy? Let it all be outsourced as we occupy our mind and body time doing higher-end chores of higher value. But are we vacating spaces of basic competence we are meant to own and enjoy?

Are we becoming less of the animal we are meant to be? How animalistic are we really to date? And is being that animal we were meant to be considered to be a negative in itself? As we ostensibly 'rise above' into that stratosphere of higher-end chores, are we becoming totally incompetent as the human animal we were meant to be? Are we today able to do less and less of what we were meant to do and be?

Are we losing instinct? Basic animal instincts that can really keep us ahead in understanding our fellow beings all around us, both human, animal and plant? Are we therefore relying just too much on the word, uttered and written? Are the ear and tongue dominating our sense of seeing and touching and most importantly feeling?

Is the yen to outsource robbing it all completely? Are we lesser human beings today than we were meant to be? And have we done this to ourselves?

As we approach a machine life ahead, where the instrument and more importantly the sensor will dominate every system and process that governs our life, has man lost it really? Are we then inferior to the eagle that can still build its nest, twig by twig?

The answer is really blowing in the wind. We just need to have the ability to catch it and catch it right. By ourselves. Without outsourcing even that.

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IT'S TIME TO THINK ABOUT DATA EQUITY

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In 2020, the top seven global tech companies added $3.4 trillion in valuation. At a time when the world was struggling with deaths, economic decline and unemployment, the disproportionate gain by tech companies reveals a larger and persisting problem of inequity. Data plays a central role in this astronomical rise of tech companies. Most of these firms have big data business models, i.e. they utilise user data to generate profits.

Who benefits from data now? The emergence of big data businesses has caused a tectonic shift in the global economic landscape. Today, out of the 10 most valued companies in the world, at least six are tech giants. Corporates like Facebook, Alphabet and Amazon have business models that strongly rely on personal data of their users, often without their informed consent. Exploiting user data for targeted advertisements, these companies have generated disproportionate and windfall business gains. The economics underlying these business models is called 'surveillance capitalism'—a system where behavioural data of users is utilised for profit through advertisement revenues.

Source of data inequity: Unfortunately, no benefits have accrued to communities or citizens whose data is being used in the process of generating profits. Such exclusions are a source of great inequity, especially during health crises such as the present one. There is now a compelling need for our communities to get a fair and equitable share of benefits in their own data.

Way forward: To ensure that value created by data is distributed equitably, there needs to be a calibrated legal and policy approach to data.

Firstly, laws should strive to devise frameworks that enable data principles to share the economic gains derived from their data. Data can be used to usher in social equity, improve access of the marginalised and increase social good. One way to achieve this is by redistributing profits and benefits accruing from data to the community from which it is sourced. A community redistributive framework decreases inequities arising from private exploitation of data and redresses the harms arising from it at a population level, especially to the marginalised sections of society. Communities must also be made benefactors of data-based programmes by governments.

Secondly, laws must ensure that privacy and related harms to individuals are minimised by mandating data protection principles such as purpose limitation and consent. A robust personal data protection law is the first step to achieving data equity.

Thirdly, barriers created by the datafication of the economy must be removed. With artificial intelligence and machine learning, an increasing number of decisions are now being taken by automated machine processes. Algorithmic decisions by machines have implicit limitations. When the machine's database does not have sufficiently diverse data, its decisions are inevitably biased and arbitrary. For example, facial recognition technology has been criticised for making errors in identification, especially in certain minority demographics. The problem has in fact led to advocacy of a right against arbitrary decisions by machines—the right to a human decision.

Finally, data should be made affordable and accessible to all sections of society. Devising data frameworks that require common standards of collection, storage and usage will facilitate ease of data access, quality and interoperability. Accessibility also can be increased through a diverse, equitable, and inclusive approach to presenting and visualising data. During Covid-19, we have seen that many state governments have made real-time data about the cases, hospital availability and vaccines in an accessible and understandable manner. Such measures increase citizen awareness and strengthen democracy.

> Today, the modern world is at an inflection point. It is experiencing a digital revolution, where the future is largely oriented around data. Collective global efforts should therefore ensure that progress is inclusive and equitable and that the digital revolution leaves no one behind

The experience so far, global and Indian: Some countries have already recognised the importance of equity and proposed open data initiatives and mechanisms to share it for public benefit. The European Commission has formulated a strategy called the European Data Strategy for inclusive digital growth and innovation. It seeks improvements in health and well-being, environment, transparent governance, research and convenient public services by facilitating wider access to data. It seeks to protect small businesses against data monopoly and creation of a common infrastructure. Similarly, the commission has also proposed a legal framework on artificial intelligence to regulate the inequities arising from it.

India is also moving towards data equity frameworks. The Personal Data Protection Bill, which is yet to be enacted by Parliament, has incorporated progressive principles of personal data protection. Barring a few problems (which I have highlighted in my previous articles), the Bill formulates a comprehensive consent framework. Thus, individuals have greater control over their data and are protected from any misuse. Similarly, the Data Protection Authority is vested with wide powers to regulate the collection and processing of personal data. Further, the recent report by the Committee of Experts on Non-Personal Data has important suggestions to reduce data inequity. It has tapped into data as an economic asset and attempted to incentivise start-ups by correcting the imbalance established by a few dominant players. The report has sought to use data for public good while protecting collective community interests. One way that the report seeks to ensure community interests is by establishing 'data custodians'—entities that collect, store and process non-personal data and are responsible for preventing harm to the community.

Conclusion: Today, the modern world is at an inflection point. It is experiencing a digital revolution, where the future is largely oriented around data. Collective global efforts should therefore ensure that progress is inclusive and equitable and that the digital revolution leaves no one behind. The concept of data equity, by definition, balances the incentives of the data principles and processors and minimises risks of misuse and abuse of data to the detriment of the former. Being a global leader in technology services, India has an unrivalled opportunity to lead a global effort in this direction.

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Inconveniencing people

This is with reference to *End charade of night curfews to combat Covid* (Jan 3). Despite abundant knowledge gained through the last two years, it is ironic that certain state governments are still resorting to night curfews. The authorities must instead hasten to ensure everyone gets the second dose and provide boosters, perhaps even during the night time, instead of inconveniencing the public.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Follow Covid protocols

With the chief scientist at the WHO having trashed night curfews, it is high time governments switch over to constructive measures to keep the virus at bay. Stricter directives should be in place to ensure people follow Covid norms.

E Sethuramalingam, Kollam

Norms flouted even by PM

I completely agree with the editorial. What needs to be implemented ruthlessly are the three basic steps: masks, social distancing and hand hygiene. But these are violated by all and sundry starting from the prime minister. If the Election Commission can't postpone the elections, it should at least ban physical rallies.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Rewriting history books

This is with reference to *Time to rewrite India's Delhi-centric history* (Jan 2). The author has only expressed the feelings of crores of Indians who would like to know more about our ethnic rulers and the works of our ancestors who have written innumerable books on various subjects. For the past 75 years, our history textbooks have been mostly about the life and times of a few kings who were invaders and who ruthlessly destroyed many of our temples. Our government should introduce India-centric history in the textbooks.

V V Venkatachalam, Bengaluru

Full of insights

This is with reference to the opinion article *'O death, where is thy sting?'—Lessons from the pandemic* (Jan 3). The article by the author is as usual wonderful and full of insights. As the author has said, we "must learn to live as if each action of ours is consecrated ... as much as if it were our last day on Earth".

Harsha N Biliangady, Bengaluru

Privatising power supply

The editorial *TN's power sector needs a reform push* (Jan 1) rightly highlighted the deplorable financial position that TANGEDCO is in. The assertion that a professionally-run company can earn profits is correct, as in the past, private power distribution firms made huge profits and passed on the benefits to consumers in the form of a reduction in the power tariff. It is time TN took a cue from Gujarat and Maharashtra, where power is distributed by private firms and is a success both in terms of commercial viability and consumer satisfaction.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

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As China swallows our territory, our 56' PM is busy changing 4 dresses in a day, buying a 12Cr car & addressing election rallies in UP. Waah Modi jiwaah!

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra @priyankagandhi
Electoral steps like false amnesty & withdrawal of law can't cover Modi's anti-farmer thinking. They are in position of protector, but stand with the eater.

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Frightening and alarming! 3rd wave is here. Modi govt is in a stupor. It is doing nothing to protect peoples lives. Why is the vaccination rate dropping?

Covid trends key to securing kids

States told to watch hospitalisation trends; data being monitored centrally for devising strategy

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

HEALTH officials are monitoring Covid hospitalisation rates among children in India amid some evidence that a few countries are seeing higher numbers of kids in hospitals in the ongoing Omicron wave.

In many countries, children and adolescents, aged 5 and above, have either not received any Covid vaccine at all or have not been administered with booster doses yet.

In the US, for instance, while the Omicron variant so far doesn't appear more severe than other strains in youngsters, the growing number of cases means more children are susceptible to serious illness. As per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) data available on December 31, new hospital admissions of kids were up by 66% to 378 a day on average for the week.

Children attend a special class in a Mumbai school on Monday | PTI

The US health agency has said that the majority of hospitalized kids are unvaccinated.

The US has been reporting nearly 5.5 lakh-6 lakh new cases every day. These figures on kids' hospitalization assume significance for India where the kids have not been vaccinated so far and the inoculation for the 15-17 year olds began only on Monday.

Following an announcement on starting vaccination for the age group, Covid Task Force chairman N K Arora had defended the decision saying that maximum deaths—among under 18—had been registered in this age group.

Officials in the health ministry said states were asked to keep a watch on hospitalization trends as the daily cases as well as active Covid cases rise rapidly. The data is also being monitored centrally.

"So far, we are not seeing any pattern clearly but things might change in a few days as there is always a lag between detection of new infection and hospitalization rate," a senior ministry official said.

As per the latest available information shared by the Centre, out of an inventory of 7.2 lakh hospital beds, there are 64,000 paediatric beds available in the country, apart from 24,000 paediatric ICU beds.

Some officials conceded that as Covid preparations earlier were being carried out with a maximum of 5-6 lakh daily cases in mind, the situation could get tricky if the daily detections were higher.

MUMBAI UNDER SIEGE

29,810	ACTIVE CASES
26,538	ASYMPTOMATIC
3,046	SYMPTOMATIC
235	CRITICAL CASES
32,781	BEDS CAPACITY
4,043	BEDS OCCUPIED
28,738	BEDS AVAILABLE
11	CONTAINED ZONES IN SLUMS
318	BUILDINGS NOTIFIED AS CONTAINMENT ZONES

Mumbai and Pune are hotspots in Maharashtra, officials on their guard

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

MAHARASHTRA on Monday recorded 12,160 fresh Covid-19 cases and 11 deaths on Monday, with Mumbai, Thane and Pune being the epicentres of the fresh surge. In the last eight days, from December 23 to 29, the positivity rate has jumped to 116.14%.

According to the state health department data, between December 22 to 29 last year, Mumbai cases a record 233 per cent rise in positive cases, with the numbers soaring from 2,419 to 8,060 cases.

Pune is another hotspot where daily cases have jumped from 1,827 on December 22 to 2,053 on December 29. Thane, which recorded 988 fresh cases on December 22, saw the numbers surge 65.8 per cent to 1,668 on December 28. Raigad district also reported a 67.72 per cent growth in positive cases during the same period.

According to a health department report, the state also reported 68 fresh Omicron cases on Monday, of which 40 were in Mumbai and 14 in Pune city. In three districts — Mumbai (2.97%), Pune (2.32%) and Sangali (2.08%) — the positivity rate is higher than the state's average of 2 per cent.

With the figures registering an alarming uptick, BMC commissioner Iqbal Singh Chahal and the Thane municipal corporation issued circular closing down schools from Classes I to IX and Class XII. The BMC permitted the 10th and 12 standards classes to remain open physically in Mumbai.

"Mumbai is a city where there is a continuous flow of national and international passengers. Therefore, it is natural to report a large number of positive cases compared to any other part of the country or the state. However, the health system is robust. In the second wave, its health model was appreciated even by the Supreme Court and the Centre," said a senior BMC official.

ALARMING

Six at Nitish's Janata Darbar test positive

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

SIX people who had turned up at Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's 'Janata Darbar' on Monday tested positive following which they were kept in isolation at Patliputra Sports Complex centre.

Nitish told reporters after the programme that a staff member involved in catering arrangements tested positive for coronavirus and hinted that his government might go in for restrictive measures to contain the spread of the viral disease.

This comes at a time when the eastern state logged 352 fresh cases on Monday. Among the infected, 75 were junior doctors of the Nalanda Medical College and Hospital in Patna. Till date, 87 doctors and health workers have been infected across the state.

Alarmed over the rising infection, Nitish convened a high level meeting on Tuesday to assess the situation in the state. However, his '*Samajik Sudhar Abhiyan*' (social reform campaign) will continue.

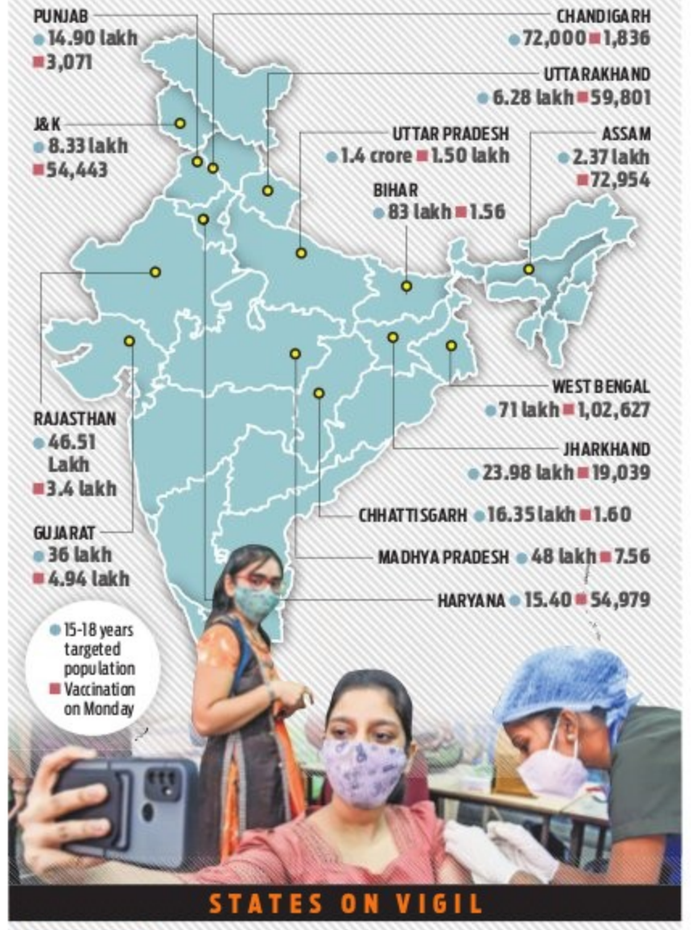
"Since the decision had earlier been taken on the issue till January 5, we will hold a meeting on the same day to assess the situation. The decision about restrictions to check the spread of the virus will be taken at the meeting only," Nitish said.

He said the reports from the districts have been sought for the purpose. "I have already told the officials concerned to seek reports from the districts so that we could know the actual status of cases.".

Meanwhile, former chief minister and Hindustani Awam Morcha chief Jitan Ram Manjhi, his wife, daughter in-law as well as personal assistant and security personnel tested positive on Monday.

NEW VACCINATION PHASE

Over 40 lakh teenagers across the country received their first Covid jab on Day One of the vaccination drive for the 15-18 age group on Monday.



STATES ON VIGIL

MAHARASHTRA
Schools in Mumbai to remain shut till Jan 31 for classes 1 to 9 and 11. Those in 10 and 12 can attend schools in person

JHARKHAND
All stadiums, parks, gyms, swimming pools, tourist destinations closed. Educational institutions shut too. Official work will be allowed with 50% capacity

RAJASTHAN
Number of people attending political and other rallies, dharnas, fairs and weddings capped at 100, Classes 1 to 8, closed in Jaipur

BENGAL
Large political rallies or road shows won't be allowed for elections to four municipal corporations on Jan 22, State Election Commission announced; small teams of up to 5 political workers including the candidate would be permitted to hold door-to-door campaigns.

GOA
Schools and colleges closed till January 26. Night curfew will be imposed soon

No biometric at offices: Centre

New Delhi: Keeping in view the rise in Covid cases in the last few days, the Centre on Monday decided to suspend the biometric attendance for government officials and employees with immediate effect. In a memorandum, the Department of Personnel and Training said that as a precautionary measure, it was decided to suspend the marking of attendance in biometric system in ministries and departments till January 31. The letter said that all the employees are required to mark the attendance manually in registers.

AGRI AGITATION

Malik clears air as Oppn flays Modi

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

A row erupted over Meghalaya Governor Satya Pal Malik's claim that PM Narendra Modi was "arrogant" and dismissive when he met the latter to discuss the issue of farmers, with the Congress on Monday seeking to corner the ruling BJP.

It asked the PM to apologise if Malik's allegation was true or else remove the governor.

Addressing a khap function in Haryana, Malik had said Sunday that when he recently met the PM to discuss the farmers' issue, "...we ended up fighting in five minutes as he was very arrogant. When I told him 500 people died, the PM asked me, 'Have they died for me?' I told him, 'Yes, since you are the king. I ended up having an argument with him. He told me to meet Amit Shah and I did. Shah said people had clouded his vision and power of reason."

The Congress was quick to katch on to the remark with senior leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Randeep SIngh Surjewala taking the charge.

Despite repeated tries to contact Malik, he was not available for comments.

However, he clarified to a TV channel that Shah did not mean any disrespect to the PM. "Amit Shah respects PM Modi a lot. I want to clarify that Shah did not say anything about the PM with ill-intent," he added.

Kheri chargesheet: Min's son was on spot

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Uttar Pradesh police probing the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case on Monday submitted its chargesheet against 14 people including Union minister Ajay Mishra Teni's son Ashish Mishra, who has been arraigned as the main accused.

However, the 5,000-page chargesheet does not name Ajay Mishra for the October 3 violence in which eight people, including four farmers and a local journalist, were killed.

The chargesheet says there's ample evidence to prove Ashish Mishra's presence at the spot when the violence occurred, sources told this newspaper. The voluminous chargesheet was brought to the court of Chief Judicial Magistrate in a huge trunk secured by two locks on Monday.

The proceedings in the case will commence once the court accepts the chargesheet, police sources said.

Thirteen out of the 14 people named in the chargesheet have been arrested and are currently in jail. A person named Virendra Kumar Shukla, who is charged with destruction of evidence, has not been arrested. The SIT has issued a notice to him. Shukla, sources said, is Ajay Mishra's distant relative and a block pramukh.

Ashish Mishra's bail application is pending in the high court while that of others is pending in the Lakhimpur Kheri local court.

Besides Ashish Mishra, Virendra Shukla and Ankit Das, those who were chargesheeted include Nandan Das Bisht, Satyam Tripathi alias Satya Prakash Tripathi, Lateef alias Kalley, Shekhar Bharti, Sumit Jaiswal, Ashish Pandey, Luvkush, Shishupal, Ullas Kumar Trivedi alias Mohit Trivedi, Rinku Rana and Dharmendra Kumar Banjara.

EXPRESS READ

'More inclusive panel required for marriage bill'

NEW DELHI: Women MPs have urged Rajya Sabha Chairman Venkaiah Naidu sought more female representation in the 31-member Parliamentary Standing Committee that would discuss a bill seeking to raise the legal age of marriage for women from 18 to 21. The panel headed by BJP Rajya Sabha MP Vinay Sahasrabuddhe has only one woman MP, TMC's Sushmita Dev. Both Dev and Shiv Sena MP Priyanka Chaturvedi appealed to Naidu to induct more women MPs in the panel. In her letter to Naidu, Chaturvedi wrote that it is disheartening to note that a bill so pertinent to women and the Indian society will be deliberated upon in a committee where the representation is highly skewed.

Goa polls: TMC-MGP alliance strengthens position

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

AMIDST an upbeat mood in the ruling BJP and Congress camps in Goa, ahead of the Assembly polls, the TMC-MGP alliance is steadily consolidating its position. Two poll promises of the alliance like Yuva Shakti Card and Griha Laxmi Scheme, which are aimed at supporting the youths and women financially, have evoked good response in the coastal state.

If the predictions of some political pundits are to be believed, the TMC-MGP coalition may cut into the traditional vote share of both the Congress and BJP to some extent, if it continues to gain people's support in the next few weeks.

"The sops announced by the TMC-MGP alliance have been taken well by a large section of people and many leaders believe the two schemes may be game-changers. The TMC-MGP tie-up is currently gaining a good shape, but its prospects largely bank on the candidates it fields," said political analyst Kishore Naik Gaonkar.

MGP leader Sudhin Davlekar said the alliance is paving way for a new dawn in the state, which would focus on good governance. At the launch of the Yuva Shakti Card on Sunday, Davlekar said the scheme is a tool to make the youth self-reliant.

TMC sources said the party had bolstered its position in Goa and the attempts made by some sections to project the party as an 'outsider' did not work, as the party had no outsiders in Goa. The TMC-MGP tie-up was gaining strength and talks were in progress about seat-sharing, sources said, adding that the MGP demanded nine seats, but it would certainly get 6-7.

A tussle in the BJP between loyal party workers and 'migrants' and the anti-incumbency against the ruling dispensation is something which may come as an advantage for the TMC-MGP alliance, if the BJP leadership fails to put its house in order, sources said.

NEW AGE TERROR

Shah reviews challenges to security grid

NEW DELHI: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday reviewed the country's prevailing security situation and emerging challenges that include threats from global terror organisations, illicit use of cyberspace and "movement of foreign terrorist fighters".

This was the first such high-level meeting, chaired by Shah and attended by the top brass of the country's security and intelligence apparatus, in the new year.

Shah highlighted the continued threats of terrorism and global terror groups, terror financing, narco-terrorism, organised crime-terror nexus, illicit use of cyberspace, movement of foreign terrorist fighters. The home minister stressed the need for better coordination and synergy among the central and state security agencies in countering the ever-changing counter terrorism and security challenges.

The heads of security agencies of the country, prominent central intelligence agencies, Central Armed Police Forces, intelligence wings of armed forces, revenue and financial intelligence agencies attended the meeting, the home ministry said in a statement. *PTI*

NEET-PG admissions: Centre seeks urgent hearing of EWS quota

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

STRESSING that there was a genuine urgency, the Centre on Monday urged the Supreme Court to take up petitions challenging the criteria for Economically Weaker Sections quota in the NEET-PG (all-India quota) admissions for early hearing.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta told a bench headed by Justice D Y Chandrachud that the case, which is listed for January 6, should be heard early in a day or two. "The moment today's work gets over, I would make a request to CJI NV Ramana for the listing of the case," Justice Chandrachud said.

Senior advocate Arvind Datar, appearing on behalf of the doctors who have challenged a notification for the implementation of the quota, said he has no objection if the matter is listed on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Resident doctors had protested in Delhi seeking early hearing since counselling for NEET PG courses were put on hold due to the case before the top court. NEET counselling is usually held in March every year but was delayed in 2021 due to the pandemic.

During the last hearing, the top court had asked the Centre to explain what exercise it had undertaken to arrive at the ₹8 annual income ceiling for being eligible for the quota.

On December 31, the government filed an affidavit stating that it had accepted the recommendation made by a committee and decided to retain the ₹8 lakh income ceiling for the current admission cycle. The petitioners have challenged the July 29 notification of the Medical Counselling Committee providing 27 per cent reservation for OBC and 10 per cent for the EWS in the non-reserved category.

Suvendu's arrest shield remains

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday declined the plea of the West Bengal government challenging the order of the Calcutta High Court protecting BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari from any coercive action in criminal cases.

"Parties would be governed by the order which was passed by this court on 13 December 2021. In view of the above clarification, it is not necessary or appropriate to entertain the present special leave petition," it said.

Adhikari was accused of hooliganism, gathering an unlawful assembly, and violation of Covid-19 guidelines, amongst other things.

The state government had contended that merely because the complaints were made after he made the switch from TMC to BJP, they cannot be said to be malicious.

Adhikari had earlier moved the High Court alleging that the Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress government was abusing the police machinery by registering six FIRs against him in four different police stations. *ENS*

No court relief for seer who abused Bapu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Raipur

A Raipur court on Monday rejected the bail plea of the Hindu seer Kalicharan who was under the judicial remand till January 13.

Kalicharan's lawyer moved the bail application in the court of additional district judge Vikram P Chandra, who said the allegations against the self-styled religious leader was of serious nature going by the various IPC Sections including the sedition charge.

Chhattisgarh police on last Thursday arrested Kalicharan from a lodge at Khajuraho in Madhya Pradesh. The court of judicial magistrate first class (had initially sent him to a 14-day judicial remand for alleged hate speech.

Kalicharan was booked on December 26 after he had made derogatory remarks against Mahatma Gandhi and eulogised his assassin Nathuram Godse on December 26, while participating in a two-day Chhattisgarh Dharam Sansad.

SPECIAL-LEAVE AID

The Assam government is mulling to provide monetary assistance to its lower-grade staff from next year to enable them to take their parents on trips during 'special leave'

66 PEOPLE ON BOARD CRUISE SHIP OFF GOA TEST COVID POSITIVE

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	21	12	Mumbai	32	22
Bhopal	26	13	Panaji	31	22
Jaipur	22	16	Patna	23	09
Amritsar	17	12	Lucknow	22	14
Chennai	30	23	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	24	13	Imphal	23	05
Srinagar	06	02	Chandigarh	21	11

EC tells states to speed up vax drive

5 poll-bound states directed to step up inoculation & ensure poll officials are fully jabbed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

Political PULSE

TAKING note of the spike in Covid cases, the Election Commission has written to chief secretaries of five poll-bound states to accelerate vaccination against the coronavirus.

Soon after assessing the pandemic situation in the five states, the EC has asked them to step up the inoculation drive and to ensure that the personnel to be deployed on election duty are "double vaccinated".

In a recent letter to the chief secretaries of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Goa, Manipur and Punjab, the EC has also reminded the states that polling personnel come under the category of frontline workers and are eligible for the "precaution dose" of the Covid vaccines, sources said.

The sources further said the poll panel expressed concerns over the low percentage of first-dose vaccination in Manipur which is also slated to go to the polls this year.

The commission has said the polling personnel to be deployed in these states should be fully vaccinated and those eligible for the second dose of the vaccines should be administered the jabs on a priority basis, the sources said.

The panel is set to announce the poll schedule for five states in the next few days. Sources said it would strictly apply the Covid protocol and might put curbs on timing of poll rallies.

While the tenure of the UP Assembly ends in May, the terms of Goa, Manipur, Uttarakhand and Punjab Houses end on different dates in March.

Earlier, the Centre had said the personnel to be deployed on election duty in the poll-bound states would be included in the category of frontline workers.

"As a matter of abundant precaution, for those healthcare workers and frontline workers who have received two doses, another dose would be provided from January 10, 2022. The prioritisation and sequencing of this precaution dose would be based on the completion of nine months or 39 weeks from the date of administration of the second dose," said a health ministry letter.

The Election Commission had assessed the Covid situation in the country in a meeting with the health ministry officials on December 27.

VIRUS SITUATION IN POLL-BOUND STATES

Amid debates over postponing the Assembly elections in five states, here is a look at the day's Covid-19 tally in these states

UTTAR PRADESH	MANIPUR	UTTARAKHAND	GOA	PUNJAB
572 Fresh cases	16 Fresh cases	189 Fresh cases	631 Fresh cases	419 Fresh cases
0 Deaths	1 Deaths	1 Deaths	0 Deaths	1 Deaths
1.52% Positivity rate	NA Positivity rate	1.22% Positivity rate	3.16% Positivity rate	4.47% Positivity rate

Harish Rawat at the launch of Congress theme song for Uttarakhand | PARVEEN NEGI

People will be face of Cong in Uttarakhand election, says Rawat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

AS the Congress unit in Uttarakhand is engaged in a tussle over the issue of CM's face in the poll-bound state, in-charge of the party campaign Harish Rawat on Monday said that people will be the face as they are looking for a change of guard in the BJP-ruled hill state.

Presenting a united face at the launch of the party's campaign song here, Rawat said: "Today, we are seeking change not only for power but also for the preservation of democracy. The Centre has acknowledged the failure of the 'double engine' government by changing chief ministers thrice."

The party's theme song targets the BJP by pointing at the "failures of the double-engine policy of the saffron party".

Having *'Teen Tigada, Kaam Bigada'* as the punch line, the Congress is drawing attention to the BJP changing its CM in the state three times.

"This is an insult to parliamentary conventions, and people were not told why changes happened. Why the second CM was appointed remains a mystery. Only two people, the PM and the Union home minister, know the reason. The third CM was also going to become a casualty but managed to stay. Uttarakhand is feeling a sense of insult," he said.

On reports that Rawat's children have claimed poll tickets and whether the 'one family, one ticket formula' would apply in the state, Rawat said, "No one said that. These things are decided by the party and Congress Working Committee."

₹2K per month to women: Sidhu

CHANDIGARH: To woo the approximately one crore women voters in Punjab ahead of the election, state Congress president Navjot Singh Sidhu Monday promised `2,000 per month and eight free cooking gas cylinders per year for women homemakers if his party is voted to power again. Also, girls who pass Class V, X and XII will be given `5,000; `15,000 and a tablet; and `20,000 respectively, he said. ENS

₹1 cr to kin of martyrs: AAP

DEHRADUN: AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal (picture) on Monday announced that if his party forms next government in Uttarakhand, `1 crore will be provided to the families of soldiers, paramilitary and police department personnel who lose their life. "If any soldier from Uttarakhand is martyred or loses life anywhere in the country, our CM Col (Retd) Ajay Kothiyal will visit their homes to pay 'Samman Rashi' of `1 crore." ENS

After Yogi, SP chief says ready to contest polls

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

A day after UP CM Yogi Adityanath said he was prepared to contest the upcoming Assembly poll from a seat decided by the party, SP chief Akhilesh Yadav, too, pitched in saying he could fight the polls as per the party directives.

At present, Akhilesh represents Azamgarh in Lok Sabha.

Akhilesh said he was prepared to contest the election if his party wished so. "We have contested many big elections. I am ready to fight the upcoming Assembly polls if my party would wish so. Moreover I will contest from a seat where the people will call me," he said.

The move seems more of a battle of perception between the two parties.

Meanwhile, BJP MP Harnath Singh Yadav has urged party chief JP Nadda to consider his request to field Adityanath from Mathura, the birthplace of Lord Krishna. The push comes as part of party's long-term commitment to the issue of Kirshna Janmabhoomi.

PM Modi to sound Punjab poll bugle at Ferozepur, unveil several infra projects

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Assembly poll campaign of the BJP-led alliance in Punjab with a rally in Ferozepur on Wednesday. He will also lay foundations of several developmental projects.

The BJP's election in-charge for Punjab and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has been camping in the state to make preparations for the Ferozepur rally, which will be the first visit by the PM to Punjab after withdrawing the three farm laws. The saffron party has set a target to bring in more than three lakh participants for the rally. Modi's visit to Punjab is coming in the backdrop of the BJP stitching a formal pre-poll alliance with former CM Captain Amarinder Singh-led Punjab People's Congress and Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa-led Shiromani Akali Dal (Samyukt).

During his Ferozepur visit, the PM will launch a host of developmental projects worth ₹42,750 crore. The PMO said that improving connectivity all across the country has led to multiple highway development initiatives being taken up in Punjab, leading to doubling the total length of NHs from about 1,700 km in 2014 to around 4,100 km in 2021.

One of the projects, the 669-km-long Delhi-Amritsar-Katra expressway is aimed at halving the travel time from Delhi to Amritsar and Katra. "The expressway will connect key Sikh religious sites at Sultanpur Lodhi, Goindwal Sahib, Khadoor Sahib, Tarn Taran and the Hindu shrine of Vaishno Devi in Katra."

PM TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR PROJECTS WORTH ₹42,750 CR

₹39,500 crore
Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway, 669km

4-laning
of Amritsar-Una section

2 medical
colleges at Kapurthala and Hoshiarpur

Mukerian - Talwara new broad gauge railway line

PGI Satellite Centre at Ferozepur

If my brother (Sidhu) says that he wants the home ministry, then I will immediately put it at his feet

Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, Punjab Deputy Chief Minister

Samajwadi Party had once ordered firing on kar sevaks. Today, Akhilesh is forced to ring bells in temples

JP Nadda, BJP national president

Cloud over farmer front's alliance with AAP for fighting Punjab election

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THERE seems to be a cloud over the farmer groups' plan to contest Punjab polls. While the Sanyukt Samaj Morcha (SSM), the political front recently floated by several farmer unions, still remains divided over an alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the latter released its seventh candidate list on Monday with five more names.

The AAP has now already announced 101 candidates out of total of 117 seats even as the farmers are yet to decide on tie-up, as they had indicated while forming the SSM. Besides, more and more farmer unions are now developing cold feet on contesting the elections.

Sources said that late Saturday night, Balbir Singh Rajewal of the Samyukta Samaj Morcha (SSM) held a meeting with senior AAP leaders in Delhi. But on the other hand, some of the 18 farmers unions which are part of the SSM are not keen for an alliance and want to contest independently on all 117 seats. Also, these unions are annoyed that the AAP had initially agreed to give around 35 seats to the farmers but backtracked. However, the talks between SSM and AAP are reportedly still on.

Sources said most of the farmer leaders have backed out from contesting as the SKM said that those taking part in the polls will have to resign from their posts in the union, something that majority of the farmer leaders unwilling to do. BKU (Kadian) president Harmeet Singh Kadian, who had announced the formation of SSM, himself announced that he would not be contesting.

Top LeT commander, Pak militant shot dead in twin gunfight near Srinagar

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

A top commander of Lashkar-e-Toiba and a Pakistani militant were killed in twin gunfight on the outskirts of Srinagar on Monday. Meanwhile the BSF said its troops shot dead an intruder in Arnia sector of Jammu.

A police official said acting on input about the presence of a top Lashkar commander and a Pakistani militant, a joint operation was launched in Shalimar area outside Srinagar.

"The security men plugged off all the escape routes in and around the famous Shalimar garden. A top Lashkar commander Saleem Parray was trapped there. He fired on the troops and was killed in the retaliatory firing," he said.

Security forces at the site of encounter near Srinagar | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

According to IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar, the Pakistani militant managed to escape from the area but was chased by the security men. The Pakistani militant was encircled by troops and he fired on the security men. In the ensuing shoot-out, the militant was killed.

The slain militant was identified as Hafiz alias Hamza of Pakistan affiliated to LeT.

The IGP termed the killing of two militants as a major success for security forces. "Parray was involved in several civilian killings and attacks on security forces," he said, adding that Hafiz was involved in killing of two policemen in Bandipora last month.

Meanwhile, BSF personnel shot dead an intruder in Jammu district. A BSF spokesman said border guards deployed along the International Border saw movement of a Pakistani person. "He was challenged but he did not pay any heed and was subsequently shot dead."

AVOIDING ARDUOUS TREK
Ease of travel from 6km trekking to Yamunotri temple located in Uttarakashi district of Uttarakhand
UTTARKASHI
YAMUNOTRI
JANKICHATTI
UTTARAKASHI
GANGOTRI
LENGTH OF ROPEWAY: 3,846 METRES
PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (PPP) MODE
CAPACITY
500 PILGRIMS IN ONE HOUR WITH 8 PILGRIMS IN ONE GO
4,000 PILGRIMS A DAY
₹180 CR COST OF THE PROJECT
90 MIN Time taken to trek to the temple
10-15 MIN Aims to cut down travel time from 90 minutes to 10-15 minutes

₹180-CR YAMUNOTRI ROPEWAY PLAN GETS FRESH APPROVAL

VINEET UPADHYAY @Dehradun

THE Yamunotri ropeway project, which aims to cut down the trekking time for pilgrims visiting the Charm Dham shrine of Yamunotri, has got a new lease of life.

The Uttarakhand government has given nod for issuing new tenders for the project worth around ₹180 crore.

Dilip Jawalkar, state secretary of tourism, told this newspaper that the project is viable commercially and eco-friendly. "Such projects are good for people as well as our state's ecology and economy," he said.

Yamunotri Dham at an altitude of over 10,000 feet is part of the Char Dham Yatra, which also includes Kedarnath, Gangotri and Badrinath shrines.

The length of the ropeway, which comes at a height of 10,797 feet, will be 3.8km, said officials privy to the details of the project, which will be built in public-private partnership (PPP) mode. The project, which was conceived in 2008, had long been delayed.

At present, it takes around 90 minutes to trek to the temple from Kharsali village in Jankichatti. The ropeway aims to cut down this to 10-15 minutes.

Around 1.8 hectare land has been identified for the lower terminal of the ropeway while for the upper terminal, 0.99 hectare has been identified. Facilities such as parking and lodging will also be provided to the visitors who opt the ropeway.

Religious, eco tourisms get focus in new policy

The Jharkhand government has launched 'Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2021' with an objective of making the state one of the preferred destinations for both domestic and international tourists. It aims to ensure accelerated development of tourism-related infrastructure, increase employment opportunities, augment resources and showcase the rich cultural heritage and traditions of the State. The thrust areas will be development of religious tourism covering places such as Deoghar, Basukinath, Rajrappa and Parasnath. As the state is bestowed with lush green jungles and rich wildlife, the policy also focuses on ecotourism.

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RANCHI DIARY

Azim Premji Foundation to set up university in state

With an intention to play an active role in the development of education sector and in improving the academic environment in the mineral-rich state, the Azim Premji Foundation has expressed its desire to open a university in Jharkhand. Anurag Behar, chief executive officer of the Azim Premji Foundation, met Chief Minister Hemant Soren and reiterated his resolve to participate in the development of Jharkhand's education sector. The chief minister assured the Foundation of all possible cooperation from the state government. As per the proposal, an amount between `1,200 and `1,400 crore would be spent on setting up the university, which will be spread over an area of 150 acres. Here the students will be given employable and quality education.

Postcard campaign against pollution

Reeling under the impact of severe air and water pollution, children of Dhanbad's Jharia have sent postcards to Dhanbad MP PN Singh, Jharia MLA Poornima Neeraj Singh and Dhanbad Deputy Commissioner Sandeep Singh, requesting them to initiate steps to save Jharia from pollution. Organised by social organisation Youth Concept, the kids not only sent postcards but also made posters on their own for the cause and took out a march demanding the same. The organisers said the funds generated through district mineral foundations must be utilised for controlling pollution.

Sindri fertilizer factory to become operational soon

The new fertilizer factory in Sindri, being set up by Hindustan Urvarak and Rasayan Limited (HURL) at a cost of `6,500 crore, is likely to be operational in March with 60% capacity. Ninety-three per cent work of the plant has already been completed and the testing of one of the boilers has also been successfully completed. Sources claimed that 97% installation work of the urea plant has already been completed while 80% work of the ammonia plant has also been completed. Commissioning of this plant is likely to generate employment for more than 1,500 people. Notably, the factory is being established on 751 acres of land of the old fertilizer factory.

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No. EE/PWD/Dvn/Sed/TS- 1&4/2021-22/3135 Date : 31-12-2021

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

1) Details of Works: 1. Total no of work 01 in Sedam taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under 4059-Judicial Buildings- 143835. 2. Total no of work 08 in Chittapur taluka Indent No's are as follows: Under 5054-SCP - 144238, 144270, 144239, 144237, 144236, 144235 (SC), 144234 (SC) & 144232 (ST), 2) Head of Account : 4059- Judicial Buildings and 5054-SCP For The Year 2021-22. 3) Amount Put to Tender : Lowest Estimate Cost Rs. 3.49 Lakhs Highest Estimate Cost Rs. 214.00 Lakhs, 4) Legibility of Contractor : Class-3 contractor & Above, 5) Pre-Bid Meeting Date : 10-01-2022 - 11:30:00 Hrs, 6) Last date & time for Tender Queries & receipt of tenders : 12-01-2022 - 17:30:00 Hrs, 7) Tender Form Fee & EMD Amount : Tender processing fee & EMD As per e-portal, 8) Last date & time for receipt of tenders : 15-01-2022 - 16:00:00 Hrs, 9) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: 17-01-2022 - 16:30:00 Hrs, 10) Date & Time for opening of Financial Bid :19-01-2022 - 16:30:00 Hrs, 11) Communication Address : Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam, 12) Internet Address : www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in, 13) If any changes for Cancelation : Any Changes and cancelations are done in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D Division Sedam

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IN THE COURT OF THE LXXXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE, AT BANGALORE (CCH-87)
COM.OS.NO.5042/2019

BETWEEN: Kenscio Digital Marketing Private Limited, Innovation, No.101, HSBC Layout, Domlur, Bangalore - 560071 **...PLAINTIFF**

AND : M/s. Unishire Housing LLP
No.36, Railway Parallel Road,
Nehru Nagar, Next to Reddy Petrol Bunk,
ku Kumarapark (W), Bangalore - 560020.
...DEFENDANT

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

TO: M/s. Unishire Housing LLP
No.36, Railway Parallel Road,
Nehru Nagar, Next to Reddy Petrol Bunk,
ku Kumarapark (W), Bangalore - 560020.
Represented by it Director
Mr. Praveen Kumar Nandakumar.

Whereas, the Plaintiff in the above suit has filed money recovery suit against you, i.e. **M/s. M/s. Unishire Housing LLP,** for recovery of a sum of INR **8,51,850/-(Rupees Eight Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty only)** being the principal amount due along with interest at the rate of 24% per annum from **01 October 2017** till the date of realization of the amount owed to the plaintiff and such other reliefs and you are summoned to appear before the city civil and sessions judge (CCH-87), Commercial court complex, Bangalore.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the **18-01-2022 at 11.00 AM** to defendant the above suit, the matter will be heard ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this **24th day December 2021**

By Order Of The Court, Sheristedar City Civil Court, Bangalore

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES
ESTATE OFFICE, GKVK, BENGALURU-560 065

No.SPO/e-Proc/113/2021-22 Date: 23-12-2021

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Benagaluru has invited Tender in the prescribed form as per the Standard tender document KG-1, & KG-2 from the reputed firms for the procurement of the following cotton cloth bags/equipments Sl No. 1 to 17 The details of the KG-1, & KG-2 Tender Notification, Schedule, Specificetionsare available in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in The cost of the Tender document is as per e-procurement portal NORMS. The EMD shall be paid using e-procurement Payment modes.

Blank Tender Documents can be downloaded from **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in Last date and time foruploading the tender on 24-01-2022 up to 4.00 P.M. The Financial bid will be opened on 27-01-2022 at 10.30 a.m.** in the Tender Committed room of Estate Office. Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also refer UAS Website www.uasbangalore.edu.in Help Desk-9-8046010000, +91-8022631200 hphelpdesk.ble@intervo.com The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
ESTATE OFFICER

DIPR/DDU/2664/AKAR/2021-22

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HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
NOTIFICATION
BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
No. 16, C-1, Millers Bed Area, Vasantnagar, Bengaluru-560 052.

No. HESCOM/ DF/CA/DCA/AO(RA)/21-22/14983 **Dated : 01-01-2022**

IN THE MATTER OF:
An application for Approval of APR for FY-21, approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the MYT period FY-23 to FY-25 under Multi Year Tariff principles in accordance with the KERC (Terms and Conditions for determination of Tariff for Distribution and retail Sale of Electricity) Regulations, 2006 of Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM), Hubli-580 025 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reforms Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations.

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM)
P.B.Road, Navanagar, Hubli-580025 **..... PETITIONER**

NOTICE

Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited (HESCOM) has filed an application before the Hon'ble Commission for Approval of APR for FY-21, approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the MYT period FY-23 to FY-25 in accordance with Section 61 & 62 of the Electricity Act, 2003. The Hon'ble Commission has treated it as petition in terms of Tariff regulations subject to further verification & validation.

1) **NEED FOR REVISION:**
A revenue deficit arises due to the mismatch between the revenue receipts from existing tariff and Aggregate Revenue Requirement of HESCOM as detailed below, including subsidy from GOK:

Year	Revenue Receipts Rs. in Crores	Revenue Requirement Rs. in Crores	Revenue Deficit Rs. in Crores	Average cost of supply Rs./unit
1	2	3	4(3-2)	5
2020-21	7830.01	9182.15	1352.14	8.37
2022-23	8970.18	10249.42	1279.24	8.47
Total Gap			2631.38	

(As per Annual reports of HESCOM, for FY-21, total deficit is Rs. 1352.14 Crs.)
There is a revenue deficit of Rs. 1352.14 Crs for FY-21 of HESCOM and Rs. 1279.24 Crs of deficit is expected for FY-23. Hence, the revision in tariff is very essential. HESCOM plans to recover Rs. 2631.38Crs in FY-23 from the proposed revision of Tariff. HESCOM has submitted its application for approval of Annual Performance Review for FY-21 and approval of Revised ARR and ERC for the Retail Supply Business and for the Distribution Business for FY-23.

1. **PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASE:** It is proposed to increase the tariff applicable to various categories of consumers as **shown in Annexure-1.**
2. Pursuant to Regulation-5 of KERC (Tariff) Regulations 2000, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same with the Receiving Officer, O/o The Secretary, No. 16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasant nagar, Bengaluru-560 052, along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in six sets, duly supported by an affidavit **within Thirty days from the date of first publication** of this Tariff Notification in the newspapers and also to indicate whether they want to be heard in person. A copy of the objection may be marked to Controller Corporate office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi-580 025 for furnishing replies to the objections. Interested persons may file their objections within the stipulated time.
3. For **reference** of those who are interested, copies of the petition are available for inspection at all O&M Zonal / Circle / Divisional Offices of HESCOM, and at Corporate Office, HESCOM, P.B. Road, Navanagar, and Hubballi -580 025.
4. They may also obtain copies of the required portion of the petition by paying photocopying charges.
5. Further, a full set of petition together with supporting material will also be made available to the interested persons by all Chief Engineers, Electy. Zonal Offices, Superintending Engineers (EI), O&M Circle Offices, Executive Engineers (EI), O&M Division offices and at Corporate Office of HESCOM, on payment of Rs. 100/- (Special price) (Rs. One Hundred Only)
6. The soft copy of the ERC/Tariff application, Commission's preliminary observations & Compliance of HESCOM can be viewed on our website (hescom.karnataka.gov.in) and it can also be obtained from Regulatory Affairs section Corporate Office, Hubballi **(e-mail ID dcara.hescom@gmail.com)**

For Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited
Sd/-
Controller
HESCOM, P. B. Road, Navanagar, Hubballi-580025

DIPR/DWD/837/2021-22/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF EXISTING TARIFF AND PROPOSED TARIFF.
Annexure-1

Tariff Category	Type of installation Energy Charges & slabs	Existing Rs./unit	Proposed Rs./unit
LT-1 : installations serviced under BJ/KJ schemes	The energy charges in respect of the BJ/KJ category, is subsidized by the Gok for maximum consumption of 40 units per month	Rs.60/- for maximum consumption of 40 units per month	Rs.80/-for maximum consumption of 40 units per month
		8.00	10.31
LT-2 (a) Domestic lighting / Combined lighting, Heating & Motive power	LT-2 a (i) City Muncipal Corporations and Urban Local Bodies		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.85/ KW for 1st KW Rs.95/ KW for additional KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.150/For every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.105/ KW for 1st KW Rs.135/- KW for additional KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.210/For every additional KW above 50 KW
	For 1 to 50 units	4.05	4.33
	For 51 to 100 units	5.55	5.83
	For 101 to 200 units	7.10	7.38
	For above 200 units	8.15	8.43
	LT-2 a (ii) Areas coming under Village Panchayth Area		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.70/ KW for 1st KW Rs.85/ KW for additional KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.140/For every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.90/ KW for 1st KW Rs.125/- KW for additional KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.200/For every additional KW above 50 KW
	For 1 to 50 units	3.95	4.23
	For 51 to 100 units	5.25	5.53
	For 101 to 200 units	6.80	7.08
	For above 200 units	7.65	7.93
LT-2 (b) : Private Professional educational institutions & private hosptals	LT-2 b (i) Areas coming under ULBs including CMCs.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.100/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW, subject to minimum per month Rs-125.00 Rs.155/For every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.120/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW, subject to minimum per month Rs-165.00 Rs.215/For every additional KW above 50 KW
	For 1 to 200 units	7.25	7.53
	For above 200 units	8.50	8.78
	LT-2 b (ii) Areas coming under village panchayats.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.90/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW, subject to minimum per month Rs-110.00 Rs.145/For every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.110/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW, subject to minimum per month Rs-150.00 Rs.205/For every additional KW above 50 KW
	For 1 to 200 units	6.70	6.98
	For above 200 units	7.95	8.23
LT-3. Applicable to Commercial lighting / Combined lighting, Heating & Motive power	LT-3 (i) : Areas coming under . ULBs including CMCs.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.105/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.205/ For every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.135/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.265/ For every additional KW above 50 KW
	For 1 to 50 units	8.35	8.64
	For above 50 units	9.35	9.64
	LT-3 (ii) : Areas coming under Village Panchayats.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.95/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.195/ For every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.125/ KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW Rs.225/ For every additional KW above 50 KW
	For 1 to 50 units	7.85	8.14
	For above 50 units	8.85	9.14
LT-4 Applicable to I.P. Sets , Pvt. Horti. Nursaries, Coffee & Tea plantations	LT-4 (a) : Applicable to IP sets up to and inclusive of 10HP		
	Fixed Charges	----	----
	Free power supply. Subsidized by GOK. Commision Determined Tariff	6.94	9.24
	LT-4 (b) : Applicable to IP sets above 10HP		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.90 / HP / month	Rs.120 / HP / month
	Energy Charges	3.85	4.13
	LT-4 (c) : Pvt. Horti. Nursaries, Coffee & Tea plantations of 10HP & below.		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.80 / HP / month	Rs.110 / HP / month
	Energy Charges (Rs. / Unit)	3.85	4.13
LT-5 (a): Heating & Motive power (including lighting) - Industries.	Fixed Charges	Rs.75/ HP/ for 5HP and below	Rs.105/ HP/ for 5HP and below
		Rs.85/ HP/ for above 5HP & Below 40 HP	Rs.135/ HP/ for above 5HP & Below 40 HP
		Rs.105/ HP/ for above 40 HP but Below 67 HP	Rs.165/ HP/ for above 40 HP but Below 67 HP
		Rs.170/ HP/ for 67 HP & above but below 100 HP	Rs.240/ HP/ for 67 HP & above but below 100 HP
		Rs.200/ for 100 HP & above	Rs.280/ for 100 HP & above
	For 1 to 500 units	5.80	6.08
	For 501 to 1000 units	6.80	7.08
	For above 1000 units	7.10	7.38
LT-5 (b): Heating & Motive power (including lighting)- Industries .Area other than that of LT-5(a)	Fixed Charges	Rs.65/ HP/ for 5HP and below	Rs.95/ HP/ for 5HP and below
		Rs.80/ HP/ for above 5HP & Below 40 HP	Rs.130/ HP/ for above 5HP & Below 40 HP
		Rs.100/ HP/ for above 40 HP but Below 67 HP	Rs.160/ HP/ for above 40 HP but Below 67 HP
		Rs.155/ HP/ for 67 HP & above but below 100 HP	Rs.225/ HP/ for 67 HP & above but below 100 HP
		Rs.185/ for 100 HP & above	Rs.265/ for 100 HP & above
	For 1 to 500 units	5.70	5.98
	For 501 to 1000 units	6.65	6.93
	For above 1000 units	6.95	7.23
LT-6 : Water Supply street lights	LT-6 (a): Water Supply		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.95 / HP per Month up to 67 HP Rs.195 / for every additional KW above 67 HP	Rs.145 / HP per Month up to 67 HP Rs.255/ for every additional KW above 67 HP
	Energy Charges (Rs. / Unit)	4.95	5.25
	LT-6 (b): Street Light		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.110/KW/Month	Rs.160/KW/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs. / Unit)	6.60	6.90
	Energy charges for LED / Induction Lighting	5.55	5.85
LT-6 (c) Electric Vehicle Charging/ Battery swapping Stations (For Both LT & HT)	Fixed Charges	For LT Supply : Rs.70/ KW/ Month up to 50 KW	For LT Supply : Rs.120/ KW/ Month up to 50 KW
		Rs.170/ every additional KW above 50 KW	Rs.230/ every additional KW above 50 KW
		For HT Supply Rs.200/KVA/ Month	For HT Supply Rs.250/KVA/ Month
	Energy Charges per KWH for both LT & HT	5.00	5.30
LT-7.Temporary	LT-7. (a)Temporary supply (Less than 67 HP)		
	Fixed Charges	Weekly Minimum 250/KW	Weekly Minimum 300/KW
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) (for less than 67 HP)	11.10	11.40
	LT-7. (b)Power supply on permanent connection basis-Hoardings (Less than 67 HP)		
	Fixed Charges	Rs.125/- per KW per month	Rs.175/- per KW per month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit) (for less than 67 HP)	11.10	11.40
HT-1.Water supply And Sewerage	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.230/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.530/KVA of BD/ Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	5.55	5.85
HT-2 (a): HT-Industries.	HT-2 (a): HT-Industries.		
	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.240/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.640/KVA of BD/ Month
	For 1-100000 Units (Rs./unit)	7.30	6.00
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)	7.55	6.05
	Railway Traction and Effluent Treatment Plants		
	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.250/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.650/KVA of BD/ Month
	Railway Traction	6.55	6.05
	Effluent Treatment Plants	6.95	6.00
HT-2 (b) Commercial	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.260/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.760/KVA of BD/ Month
	For 1- 200000 Units (Rs./unit)	9.00	6.00
	For above 200000 units (Rs./unit)	9.10	6.10
HT-2 © (I) Hospitals, Educational inst -Govt	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.240/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.640/KVA of BD/ Month
	For 1- 100000 Units (Rs./unit)	7.15	6.00
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)	7.55	6.00
HT-2 © (ii) Hospitals, Educational inst -Other than covered under HT-2 © (i)	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.240/KVA of BD/ Month	Rs.640/KVA of BD/ Month
	For 1- 100000 Units (Rs./unit)	8.15	6.05
	For above 100000 units (Rs./unit)	8.55	6.00
HT-3 : Lift Irrigation Schemes/ Lift Irrigation Societies	HT-3 (a)(i) : Lift Irrigation Schemes (Govt.)		
	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Minimum Rs.1720/HP/Annum	Minimum Rs.2920/HP/Annum
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	3.10	3.40
	HT-3 (a)(ii) : Private L.I. Schemes/L.I. Societies (Urban & Express feeders).		
	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.95/HP/Month	Rs.195/HP/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	3.10	3.40
	HT-3 (a)(iii): Private L.I. Schemes/L.I. Societies other than those HT-3(a) (ii).		
	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.75/HP/Month	Rs.175/HP/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	3.10	3.40
	HT-3 (b) : Irrigation & Agricultural Farms, Nurseries & Plantations.		
	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Minimum Rs.1780/HP/Annum	Minimum Rs.2980/HP/Annum
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	5.10	5.40
HT-4: Residential Apartments & Colonies	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.155/KVA of BD/Month	Rs.555/KVA of BD/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	7.00	6.00
HT-5: Temporary supply applicable to 67 HP & above	Demand/ Fixed Charges	Rs.300/ HP/Month	Rs.600/ HP/Month
	Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	11.10	11.40

Note: In addition, the taxes levied/leviable by the State Govt. from time to time shall be applicable.

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KAVITHA JAYAKUMAR** Wife of Service No.15423509Y Rank: **TS NK/AA, Jayakumar N,** R/a Village Bannisarige, Post- Agara Taluk, Yelandhur, District: Chamarajanagar, Karnataka- 571442 Declare That **My Correct Name is KAVITHA JAYAKUMAR** But in My Husband Army Records Mentioned as **KAVITHA JAYAKUMAR N.** vide Affidavit Dated: 23.12.2021 Before Notary H.S. Sakalesh Aradhya, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **FARJANA TAJ,** W/o Syed Basheer Ahmed, aged about 41 years, R/a Gulf House, Opp. Kishore Vidya Bhavan, Anjani Extension, Chintamani Town, Chikaballapur Dist-563125, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **FARJANA TAJ ABDUL AZEEZ** to **FARJANA TAJ,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **FARJANA TAJ** only, vide affidavit dated 03-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANWAR KHAN** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, SERVICE NO 16133850F SPR Kempanna S Ankali of Unit 'M' Coy, TRG BN- III, MEG & Centre, Bangalore 560033, have changed my Brother name **SANJAY SIDDAPPA ANKALI** Date of Birth From **10.07.2002** to **14.07.2002** Vide Affidavit Dated 01.01.2022 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Uma Prabhu, W/o. M. Prabhu, aged about 45 years, residing at No. 3, HIG, GVR Enclave, A Sector, 1st Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560 064. have changed my name, Uma S. (Old Name) to **UMA PRABHU (New Name)** vide affidavit dated 31.12.2021 sworn before Advocate and Notary H. Shridhar Rao at Jakkur.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTHOSH. M** S/o **Manjunath. P**, aged about 22 years, R/at No.15, 16 Cross, Chayasutha, Anugraha Nilaya, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Malagala, Bengaluru-560091, have changed my name to **MADHUSUDHAN. M** vide affidavit dated:3/01/2022 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, M. ROOPA, Spouse of No 16119543Y NK Menati Ravi Kumar Reddy Residing at # 7-7, Rangamma Cheruvu (Vill), Irala (Md), Chittor (Dist), Andhra Pradesh (State), Pin : 517130, have changed my name from **M. ROOPA** to **P. ROOPA** Vide Affidavit Dated 01.01.2022 Sworn Before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOURI SRINIVAS KULKARNI,** aged about 34 years, W/o Srinivas Narayan Kulkarni, R/at No. 1812, 'C' Block, 23rd Cross, 5th Main, Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru-92 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOURI KALLAPUR** to **GOURI SRINIVAS KULKARNI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GOURI SRINIVAS KULKARNI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-12-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. VENKATAPATHY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MAHESH H.R.,** Aged about 31 years, S/o. Rangappa N., Present Address at : Molex India Pvt. Ltd., 6A, Sadaramangala Industrial, Kadugodi, Bangalore - 560 067, Permanent Address : # 248, B N Extension, Chowlahiriyur, Kadur Tq, Chikkamagalore District, Karnataka - 577 180, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MAHESH H R** to **MAHESH RATHNAM** vide affidavit dated 03.01.2022 sworn to before Yankoba, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, A. SAKAYA RAJAN, HAV, No. 14809435F, residing at No. 1009, Savariyarpuram, Chettiyapatti Post, Manapparai Tk, Tiruchirapalli Dt., Pin- 621307, Tamil Nadu, declare that my son's name is wrongly entered in Army Records as **CHRISTU RAJ** instead of **CHRISTHU RAJA .S.,** vide affidavit dated 07.10.2021 before Notary V.S. Baskaran, Trichy.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TAMAN .M.B** (New Name) S/o MARUTI BAJANTRI, Aged MAJOR, Resident at NO.707/7, BHAJANTRI GALLI ANGOL, BELGAUM, KARNATAKA-590006 that I have changed my name from **TAMMANNA MARUTI BHAJANTRI** (Old Name) to **TAMAN .M.B** (New Name) henceforth I shall be known and called as **TAMAN .M.B** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 03/01/2022 before Notary **L.GOPALAKRISHNA,** at BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SYED SUHAIL HUSSAIN,** S/o. Mujib Ahamed, aged about 36 years, R/at C/o. Ghouse Shareef, 4th Cross, Urdu School Road, Upparahalli, Tumkur Pin Code - 572 102, today at Bangalore, hereby declare that My correct name is **SYED SUHAIL HUSSAIN** and this is mentioned in Aadhar, Driving Licence and other records. But in my name entered in previous passport as **SYED SUHAIL HUSSAIN MUJIB AHAMED,** vide affidavit dated 03.01.2022, sworn to before K.V. Bachi Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MOSIN BASHA T K, residing at No. 212/C, H.T. Lane, 4th Main, 12th Cross, Ilyas Nagar, J.P.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560078, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MOSIN BASHA T K** to **(NEW NAME) MOHSIN QUERESHI** vide affidavit Dated 03/12/2021 sworn before Notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **TARABAI VENKATARAO DESAI** R/o No. B2-214, Sobha Aquamarine, Green Glen Layout, Bellandur, Bangalore-560103, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ASHWINI V HOSKOT** to **TARABAI VENKATARAO DESAI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **TARABAI VENKATARAO DESAI** only, vide Affidavit dated: 31/12/2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A.S. NARAYANA REDDY** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KALAVATHI,** W/o, Kamalax Shet, aged about 77 years, Residing at, #524, SMIG-B, Near 5th Phase Bus Stand, 5th Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064, declare that **KALAVATHI** and **KALAVATI K SHET,** both the names are one and the same i.e., mine only, vide affidavit dated:01-01-2022, sworn before Advocate & Notary, G.R.Ravichandra Reddy, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
WE, SALMAN PASHA & SAMEERA BANU, residing at No. 54, 9th Main Road, 17th Cross, J.J.R.Nagar, Padarayanapura, Bangalore-26, have changed my Minor Son's name from **MOHAMMED KHAIZ PASHA** to **MOHAMMED SHAZAID** vide affidavit Dated 30/12/2021 sworn before Notary L.Shankaranarayana, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RASHMI MISHRA,** W/o S. Mukundan, R/o No. C-301, D.S.R. Green Vista Apartments, E.C.C. Road, Upkar Layout, Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066, shall henceforth be called as **RASHMI MISHRA MUKUNDAN,** by virtue of affidavit dated: 03/01/2022, before Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PREM SOLOMON AJAY MISHAEL IMMANUEL,** R/a, No.604, 6th Main, 6th Cross, 3rd Block, 1st Stage, HBR Layout, Bengaluru- 560043, have changed my name from **PREM SOLOMON AJAY MISHAEL IMMANUEL** to **PREM SOLOMON AJAY MISHAEL IMMANUAEL,** vide affidavit dated: 03/01/2022, sworn to before Notary Public, T. C. Thimmaraja, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) RAHIL SHAIKH, S/o. Raziullah Shaikh, residing at No. 31, 1st Cross, 2nd Main, Kaverinagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAHIL SHAIKH** to **(NEW NAME) RAHIL RAZIULLAH SHAIKH** vide affidavit Dated 01/01/2022 sworn before Notary Ramesh J.Solanki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
"I, hitherto known as **RAJ BALA,** S/o Raj Kishore Singh, R/o #56, Raj Bhavan, Flat No. 301, 4th Cross, Reliable Tranquile Layout, HSR Extension, Bangalore-560102, Karnataka, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **RAJBALA SINGH",** vide affidavit dated 03-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.P. SUMANGALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VARSHA V.H.,** W/o, Sunil Kumar Amberker, R/a, Flat No.224, Pyramid Mahika, Jakkur Road, Shivanahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru- 560064, India, have changed my name from **VARSHA V.H.** to **VARSHA SUNIL AMBERKER,** vide affidavit dated: 03/01/2022, sworn to before Notary Public, T. C. Thimmaraja, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
"I, hitherto known as **ARVIND S,** S/o Sivasubramanian, R/o C-501, Mantri Tranquil, Gubbalala, Off Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-560061, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **ARVIND SIVASUBRAMANIAN",** vide affidavit dated 03-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **K.P. SUMANGALA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B.V.PADMAVATHY,** is Widow Daughter of No. 1105639 Rank. Hav. B.A. Uthappa (late) R/at No.494, 9th Main, II Block, HMT Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore-560097. I declare that i have changed my name from **B.V.PADMAVATHY** to **B.U.PADMAVATHI** vide affidavit dated: 03.01.2022 Sworn before notary VARIJA. C.J, Advocate, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, Yogeshwar Channur @ Yogeshwar Dothre S/o Kareppa @ Yogeshwar K Dothre, Age, 19, years, Occ: Student, R/0. H. No. 2-12-193/1/19, "Naga Nilaya", Ward No.7, Friends Colony, Lingsugur Tq: Lingsugur, District, Raichur, Karnataka State, do hereby solemnly affirm as follows:- That prior to my name is entered in Adhar Card as Yogeshwar Channur, But friends and relatives are called my name is Yogeshwar Dothre & Yogeshwar K Dothre.
Yogeshwar Channur@ Yogeshwar Dothre @ Yogeshwar K Dothre S/o Kareppa Channur both two names pertains to myself only, Hence, I have made this affidavit for clarity of above mentioned my different names as belongs to myself only. What stated above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and hence I verified this affidavit on 03rd day of January 2022 at Lingsugur. Vide affidavit dated 3rd January 2022, Sworn before Notary Shashidhar H. Somanal. Lingsugur-584122,

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. VENKATESH REDDY** S/o H.M. Srinivas Reddy, aged about 42 years, R/a No. 16, Gunjur Hosahalli Village, Gunjur Post, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk-560087, do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **V. ANU** to **V. YAKSHITHA REDDY ANU,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **V. YAKSHITHA REDDY ANU** only, vide affidavit dated 03-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, SERVICE NO 16134471X SPR Gurdhyan Singh of Unit : KAN Coy, TRG BN – I, MEG & Centre, Bangalore, 560042, have changed my Brother name **JAGDEV SINGH** Date of Birth From **01.01.2004** to **17.09.2004** Vide Affidavit Dated 31.12.2021 Sworn Before Notary L. Gopalakrishna Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMED KASIM MOHAMED ISMAIL,** S/o Mohammed Ismail, aged about 63 years, R/a Emirates Manzil, 4th Cross, Veerasagara, Melekote Main Road, Tumakuru, Pin: 572101, Karnataka State, today camp at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed name from **MOHAMED KASAM MOHAMED ISMAIL** to **MOHAMED KASIM MOHAMED ISMAIL,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMED KASIM MOHAMED ISMAIL** only, vide affidavit dated 03-01-2022, sworn before Advocate and Notary **D. GUNA SHEKAR** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) SHIVAKUMAR, S/o. Eranna Potdar, residing at No. 305, 'B' Block, Chartered Humming Bird, 7th 'A' Main Road, Uttarahalli, Raghuvanahalli, Bangalore-560062, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SHIVAKUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) SHIVAKUMAR POTDAR** vide affidavit Dated 01/01/2022 sworn before Notary Vatsala, Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients are intending to enter into an Agreement to purchase the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder with Shri R. Suresh S/o Shri late. M. Ramaiah, residing at No.358, 101/B, 17th D Cross, 12th Main, J P Nagar, 5th Phase, Bengaluru - 560078. Any person/s having any manner of right, title, interest or any sort of claims or Objections to the sale transaction, whatsoever are requested to contact the undersigned within **7 (SEVEN)** days from the date of this Publication, with documentary evidence. In case no such claims or Objections are received by the undersigned then my clients shall go ahead with the purchase of the property after which no such claims or Objections would be entertained.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Nos. 112/D having common House Site No. 83, V P Khata No.92, situated at Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 40X40 sq.ft.

From the site owner B.N. MAHENDRA KUMAR

SYED AHMED SHAH
ADVOCATE & ASSOCIATES
No. 519, 33rd Cross, 9th Main, 4th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore - 560 011.
PH : 91 99169 88170
Dated : 03.01.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my Client - Koduru Sudhakar Reddy and Subhashini, Flat No. 306, Teja Residency, No. 16, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Mangamana Playa Main Road, Bommana Halli, Bengaluru 560068 has agreed to purchase the Schedule property from Mr. Lalith Jain, S/o Tejraj Bantiya #50, Yamunabai Road, Madhavnagar, Bangalore - 560001. If anybody has got any legitimate claim over the same they can put forward their claim within "Ten days" from the date of publication of this noticed along with relevant documents to the under signed. Please do note that any claim/s that are received after ten days from the date of publication of this notice will not be taken into consideration. And my Client will proceed the purchase the above property as if there are no claimants / objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of residential Row House bearing No.42, at "COURTYARD" in all measuring about 2144.56 Sq.Ft. SBA consisting Ground & First Floors, along with the garden area 916.39 Sq.Ft., First Floor Terrace area 103.33 Sq.Ft. Terrace Floor area 670.96 Sq.ft &1983.718 Sq.ft undivided land area.

East : Internal Road, West : Row House Number 34, North : Compound wall, South : Row House Number 41.

A.R. Pawar, Advocate,
No.45, 1st Floor, Srinivasa, S.C. Road,
NR Colony, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004.
Bangalore 03-01-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is informed that my clients **Dr Prashanth CM s/o late Manjappa** and **Smt Sowmya BC w/o Dr Prashanth CM** intends to purchase the property described in the schedule hereinunder, from K.M. Muniram and Smt Deepa w/o M.Satish, rep by their GPA holder M.Satish (Owner/Seller). The owner/seller represents and warrant that they are the owners of the schedule property and that they have not conveyed or entered into any Agreement to Sell/MOU with any other person/s, for sale/transfer of the schedule property and that the owner/seller further represents and warrants that they have not encumbered, mortgaged or created any lien on the schedule property in any manner and apart from them no other person/s, includes legal heirs, Firm or Company having any sort of right, title or claim over the schedule property. Any person/s having any objection/s or claim/s shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s, claim/s, within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Residential building constructed on **Site, no.148, measuring east to west 15 meters and north to south 9 meters, totally 135 sqmtrs along with** 23 squares Duplex House of R.C.C. roofed, **Panchayath Katha No.197/148,** RDPR **Property No. 150200302200720081,** of Sy.No.77/2A and 82/1, in 'NANDA PRAKRUTHI', situated a **B.M.KAVAL VILLAGE,** Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, duly converted for residential use layout duly approved by BMICAPA Town Planning Authority vide its order No. BMICAPA/ 23/ RESIDENTIAL LAYOUT/ B.M.KAVAL/546/2011-12 and bounded on the: **East By : Site No. 166 & 167, West By : Road, North By : Site No. 149, South By : Site No.147.**

Prashanth B.K, Advocate,
No.17, Sir M V 2nd Cross, Kalkere
Main Road, Ramamurthynagar
Bengaluru-560016
M : 09900056401 / 9448185670
Bengaluru Date : 04-01-2022

RARE HARMONY

WORLD POWERS VOW TO PREVENT NUCLEAR CONFLICT

China, Russia joins the West in pledging to tackle the spread of atomic weapons

PARIS

FIVE global nuclear powers pledged on Monday to prevent atomic weapons spreading and to avoid nuclear conflict, in a rare joint statement ahead of a review of a key nuclear treaty later this year.

"We believe strongly that the further spread of such weapons must be prevented," said permanent UN Security Council members China, France, Russia, the UK and United States, adding: "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

The statement was issued after the latest review of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) — which first came into force in 1970 — was postponed from its scheduled date of January 4 to later in the year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Putting aside current differences that have caused major tensions between both China and Russia and their Western partners, the five world powers said they saw "the avoidance of war between nuclear-weapon states and the reduction of strategic risks as our foremost responsibilities."

"As nuclear use would have far-reaching consequences, we also affirm that nuclear weapons — for as long as they continue to exist —should serve defensive purposes, deter aggression, and prevent war," they said according the White House. The powers added: "We each intend to maintain and further strengthen our national measures to prevent unauthorised or unintended use of nuclear weapons."

The statement comes as tensions between Russia and the United States have reached heights rarely seen since the Cold War over a troop build-up by Moscow close to the Ukrainian border.

That has raised fears that the Kremlin is planning a new attack on its pro-Western neighbour. The rise of China meanwhile under President Xi Jinping has also raised concerns that tensions with Washington could lead to conflict, notably over the island of Taiwan. Russia welcomed the declaration. "We hope that, in the current difficult conditions of international security, the approval of such a political statement will help reduce tensions," Russian foreign ministry said. *AFP*

Apple becomes first company to hit $3 tn valuation

NEW YORK

APPLE became the first company in the world to reach $3 trillion in market value on Monday, on the back of a pandemic-driven surge in Big Tech share value.

The company's shares rose 3 per cent to more than $182.86 on Monday, taking the iPhone-maker to the new threshold.

Though it briefly lost the title of the most valuable company in the world to Satya Nadella-led Microsoft at the end of October last year, Apple's shares rallied strongly in November to bring back the crown.

The tech giant hit $2 trillion valuation in August 2020.

The stock has risen 38% since the beginning of 2021, as the company took advantage of the extra demand for iPhones during the pandemic. People working from home also bought more Macs and iPads.

The stock has added about $2 trillion in market capitalisation since the Covid-induced lows of March 2020, as the share price nearly tripled.

Microsoft, the No 2 company by market value has a market capitalisation of $2.57 trillion and is the only other company above $2 trillion. Just three other stocks, belonging to Alphabet, Amazon and Tesla, have valuations above $1 trillion. Oil giant Saudi Aramco is around $2 trillion in size.

Apple's rise in valuation may not be that surprising in hindsight. Many businesses have been hamstrung by supply chain problems brought on by the pandemic, Apple's CEO Tim Cook had built his reputation in the past in successfully managing supply chains.

It is no wonder that the company has worked around the problems to deliver strong revenue growth.

Imran paid Rs 9.8 million in taxes in 2019

ISLAMABAD

PAKISTAN Prime Minister Imran Khan paid Rs 9.8 million in taxes in 2019 while one of the lawmakers of his party paid Rs 140 million as income tax, according to the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR) which released details of the tax paid by the parliamentarians on Monday.

The data showed that Leader of the Opposition and Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz chief Shehbaz Sharif paid Rs 8.2 million income tax while Pakistan People's Party (PPP) chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari paid Rs 0.53 million. Former president and PPP co-chairman Asif Ali Zardari paid Rs 2.2 million.

The FBR's 2019 Tax Directory for federal and provincial elected representatives showed that Finance Minister Shaukat Tarin, who is also a famous banker, paid Rs 26.6 million while former prime minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi paid Rs 4.9 million income tax in 2019. *PTI*

Union Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

"Jeevan Sampige:(LIC Building), 1/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003,
Mail Id: cb478@unionbankofindia.com, arbbangalore@unionbankofindia.com, Contact No:9441215957

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Notice of 15 days for Sale of Immovable Secured assets Under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is " basis, by Public E-Auction** on **20/01/2022, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/ Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

SL.	Name and Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1.	**1) M/s Srinivasan & Co** Office at No.:32, 2nd Cross, New Bank Colony, Near Silicon city Public School, Konanakunte, Bangalore:560 109 **2) Mr. B.K Srinivasan Iyengar S/o Late BN Keshava Iyengar** Residing at 44, Singapore Garden, GF II, Doddakallasandra, Gubbalala Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062 **3) Mrs. Shashi Srinivasan W/o Mr. B.K Srinivasan Iyengar** Residing at 44, Singapore Garden, GF II, Doddakallasandra, Gubbalala Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062	All that piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing site No.32, 2nd Cross, New Bank Colony, Near Silicon City Public School & Soudhamini Choultry, Konanakunte, New Khatha No.145, Old House List No.15/1, situated at Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk and **Measuring East to West** : 30 Feet and **North to South**:40 Feet in total measuring 1200 Sq Ft owned by Sri.B.K Srinivasan and Bounded on: **East by :** House List No.33, **West by :** House List No.30, **North by :** Private Property, **South by :** Road.	**Rs.5,82,43,043.99 (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Forty Three Rupees and paisa Ninety Nine only) as on 30/11/2021**	**Rs. 1,38,20,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight Lakhs Twenty Thousand only)**	**Rs. 13,82,000.00 (Rupees Thirteen Lakhs and Eighty Two Thousand only)**
2.	**1) M/s Srinivasan & Co** Office at No.:32, 2nd Cross, New Bank Colony, Near Silicon city Public School, Konanakunte, Bangalore:560 109 **2) Mr. B.K Srinivasan** S/o Late BN Keshava Iyengar Residing at 44, Singapore Garden, GF II, Doddakallasandra, Gubbalala Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062 **3) Mrs. Shashi Srinivasan Iyengar** W/o Mr. B.K Srinivasan Residing at 44, Singapore Garden, GF II, Doddakallasandra, Gubbalala Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062	All that piece and parcel of Residential Building constructed on site No.: 44, carved out of Scheduled property(All that piece and parcel of property bearing converted land measuring 4.00 Acres out of erstwhile Sy No.:61 of Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hoble, Bangalore South Taluk, Bounded by East :Hedge And Gole Sy No.59, West:remaining portion of Sy No.61 belonging to NCE Pvt Ltd, North:Land belonging to Hedge and Golay Limited bearing Sy No.59 and 60, South by PWD Road, Gubbalala Village) Khatha No.695A, BBMP Khata No.538, Situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under the limits of BBMP Bangalore, formed out of Erstwhile Sy No.61, together with the building already constructed **Measuring East to West** : 40 Feet and **North to South**:30 Feet Totally measuring 1200 Sq Ft and **Bounded on**: **East by** : Residential Plot No.41, **West by** : 25 Feet Road,**North by**: Residential Plot No.45, South by: **South by** : Residential Plot No.43.	**Rs.5,82,43,043.99 (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Forty Three Rupees and paisa Ninety Nine only) as on 30/11/2021**	**Rs. 1,57,48,000/- (Rupees One Crore Fifty Seven Lakhs and Forty Eight Thousands only)**	**Rs. 15,74,800.00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand and Eight Hundred only)**
3.	**1) M/s Srinivasan & Co** Office at No.:32, 2nd Cross, New Bank Colony, Near Silicon city Public School, Konanakunte, Bangalore:560 109 **2)Mr. B.K Srinivasan Iyengar** S/o Late BN Keshava Iyengar Residing at 44, Singapore Garden, GF II, Doddakallasandra, Gubbalala Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062 **3)Mrs. Shashi Srinivasan Iyengar** W/o Mr. B.K Srinivasan Iyengar Residing at 44, Singapore Garden, GF II, Doddakallasandra, Gubbalala Road, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore-560 062	All that piece and parcel of Residential Land and Building bearing property no. 61, Sy No.6, situated at Shidedahalli Village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk presently comes under BBMP Bangalore **Measuring East to West** : 40 Feet and **North to South:**30 Feet Totally measuring 1200 Sq Ft and **Bounded on: East by** : 25 Feet Road, **West by** :Land of Mr. Prakash Pai, **North by** : Site No.:60, **South by** : Others Land.	**Rs.5,82,43,043.99 (Rupees Five Crores Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand and Forty Three Rupees and paisa Ninety Nine only) as on 30/11/2021**	**Rs. 81,47,000/- (Rupees Eighty One Lakhs Forty Seven Thousands only)**	**Rs. 8,14,700.00 (Rupees Eight Lakhs Fourteen Thousand and Seven Hundred only)**
4.	**1. Mr.Javeed M &Mrs.TabassumFathima** Residing at 3/5, 5th Cross, Someshwara Nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South - 560011 Also at **Mr.Javeed M &Mrs.TabassumFathima,** "Unik Paradise", Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura New Extension, 2nd Block, Shamoura Village, KasabaHobli, Bengaluru 560045. **2. Mr.Ilyaz Ahmed (guarantor),** No.57, 7th Cross, Mangampalya, Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru 560068. **3) Mr.Nayaz Ahmed,** No.11, 3rd Floor, MohamdanNayazAamed Block, Chamarajpete, bengaluru 560018	All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Property at "UNIK PARADISE" Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, New BBMP No.8, PID No.95-349-8, Site No.43 and 43A, Khata No.1378 and 1379, Assessment No.11/1 and 12/3, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, ShampuraExentension 2nd Block, KasabaHobli, Bangalore 560045 measuring super built up area of 900 sqft along with 205 sqft undivided share., **Bounded on the North by:** Property No.44, **South by**: Property No.42, **East by**: 4th Cross Road and **West by**: Property No.40 & 41.	Rs.**46,72,193.52 (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Three and paisa Fifty Two only)**	**Rs.36,98,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs and Ninety Eight Thousand only)**	**Rs.3,69,800.00 (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand and Eight Hundred only)**

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website www.mstcecommerce.com on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the Branch Manager of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bangaloe. **Contact No.9441215957**, for inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/s8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrowers and Guarantors of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 03.01.2022
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Union Bank Of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore.

Upward move by markets hints at pre-budget rally

Monday's rally helps Bank Nifty break its 200 day moving average

RAM SAHGAL @Mumbai

INDIAN stock markets started 2022 with a bang with Nifty closing 272 points up (+1.6%) at 17626 levels, and Sensex closing at 929 points up (+1.6%) at 59183 levels. But it was Bank Nifty that stole the thunder as it closed 2.65% (940 points) at 36,422 levels.

Does Monday's blistering 1.6% move in Nifty and the Sensex mark the beginning of a pre-budget rally?

Some analysts believe it does. They cite the rise in Bank Nifty options open interest put-call ratio and increase in open interest of the Bank Nifty futures to underscore their optimism that Nifty could test 18000-18200 levels, thanks to the participation by banks, which have underperformed the broader markets for two years.

After hitting a record high of 18604.45 on October 19, the Nifty corrected by 11.7% to test the support of 16410 on December 20. From there it recovered to the January 3 closing of 17626, a jump of 7.4%. The Bank Nifty plunged 19% from its October 25 record of 41829.6 to 34018 on December 20. From there it recovered to 36422 on January 3, a bounce of 7%.

BANKS, FINANCIALS PROPEL MARKET

Nifty's **272 point gain** led by Coal India, Eicher Motors , Bajaj twins , ICICI Bank

Sensex **900-plus point** rally led by Bajaj twins , ICICI Bank and IndusInd Bank

Monday's cracking move was boosted by banks with the Bank Nifty closing above its **200 day moving average of 35706**, a bullish sign

Nifty broke above its **50 day moving average of 17505**, thanks to a rally in heavyweight financials like ICICI and Bajaj twins

Bank Nifty rises by whopping **2.65%**, surpassing Nifty and Sensex' **1.6% rise each**

Rohit Srivastava, founder of IndiaCharts, said that the market could be witnessing the "beginning" of a "pre-budget" rally.

"Banks have been the laggards and I expect they will begin performing, which could help Nifty move toward its record high," Srivastava said.

"After months of heavy call option selling we are seeing more put writing (selling) which is increasing the put call ratio, a bullish signal."

When option sellers sell more put options than call options, it's a sign that they don't expect the market or stock to fall below the level they have sold minus the premium they received from the put buyer.

Gaurav Dua, head of capital markets strategy, Sharekhan by BNP Paribas, said Monday's rally helped the Bank Nifty break above its 200 day moving average.

"Certain sectors like banks, NBFCs, autos and auto ancillaries are available at compelling valuations and given the government's thrust on reviving rural demand and infra thrust in its Union Budget next month we expect prospects for these sectors to brighten this year, after 2021's underperformance," Dua added.

Exports up 37% to record $37.29 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S merchandise export in December 2021 stood at $37.29 billion, the highest ever monthly achievement as per the data released by the commerce ministry on Monday.

It is an increase of 37.0% over $27.22 billion in December 2020 and up 37.55% over $27.11 billion in December 2019.

However, imports also witnessed an increase as the country's merchandise import in December 2021 was $59.27 billion, up 38.06% over $42.93 billion in December 2020 and an increase of 49.7% over $ 39.59 billion in December 2019.

$37.29 bn Total exports in December 21 | **$59.27 bn** Total merchandise imports | **$21.99 bn** Trade deficit in December 21

Overall, the trade deficit in December 2021 was $21.99 billion. In November, the trade deficit widened to an all-time high at $22.91 billion, more than doubled from $10.19 billion in November 2020.

"India's merchandise export in April-December 2021 was $299.74 billion, an increase of 48.85% over $201.37 billion in April-December 2020 and an increase of 25.80% over $238.27 billion in April-December 2019," according to a commerce ministry statement.

"India's merchandise import in April-December 2021 was $443.71 billion, an increase of 69.27% over $262.13 billion in April-December 2020 and an increase of 21.84% over $364.18 billion in April-December 2019", the statement said.

The export of non-petroleum products in December 2021 was $31.67 bn, registering a growth of over 27.31% compared to December 2020. The value of non-petroleum imports was $ 43.37 billion with a growth of 30.22% over $33.31 bn in December 2020 and 50.20% more than non-petroleum imports of $28.88 bn in December 2019.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

ERIS LIFESCIENCES

Current Price ₹764

Target Price ₹840

We expect a 17% earnings CAGR for ERIS over FY21-24, driven by: a) higher scope of penetration, b) better coverage of super-specialists/high-end consulting physicians across therapies, c) better operating leverage on improved MR productivity, and d) higher in-house manufacturing.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

Disclaimer: The views and recommendations made above are that of the individual analyst or broking company, and not that of *TNIE*

More insurers likely to hike premium for term plan as reinsurance cost rises

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AFTER ICICI Prudential Life and HDFC Life Insurance increased the premium of their respective term plans in December 2021, more insurers are following suit. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance also hiked the premium on term insurance plans on Sunday night by around 15%, while Tata AIG Life and Birla Sunlife Insurance are likely to increase the term insurance premiums by this weekend. Max Life is likely to do it by this month-end.

Various distributors and insurance agencies told *TNIE* that the hikes in premium range from 10-30% across different insurers and segments.

Sources said that ICICI Prudential Life, which effected the hike around December 20, increased the premium on an average by 10-12%. HDFC Life has increased the premium from 17% to 30% (the average hike is around 22% across different segments), and Bajaj Allianz Life has made the term plans costlier by 15%.

Hikes in premium range from 10% to 30%

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An insurance distributor told *TNIE* that Tata AIA Life Insurance may increase the premium by 25-30%. While HDFC Life and Bajaj Allianz Life confirmed that they have increased the premium of term insurance plans, others were not available for comments.

The increase in premium of term insurance plans was expected after the reinsurance companies in September conveyed their plans to increase the cost of reinsurance by 30-45%. An official from an insurance distributor told TNIE that ever since the reinsurers had conveyed their intention to increase the cost of reinsurance, the insurers were waiting for someone to go ahead and take the lead in increasing the premium. "ICICI Prudential Life did it first and then others followed," said the official.

However, not all of them have gone for uniform hikes. Some may do it in one go and others may do it in phases.

"ICICI Prudential went for a smaller hike but it has made its underwriting process more stringent. It has decided to not offer term plans to undergraduates. It has also doubled the threshold income of both salaried as well as self-employed to be able to avail a term plan," said another distributor.

Maruti topples Hyundai in export; Bajaj gets edge

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

MARUTI Suzuki (MSIL) is now not only India's largest car seller but also has become the biggest exporter of passenger vehicles (PV) from India.

Displacing Korean car maker Hyundai, which for long has been among the biggest car exporters, Maruti exported more than 205,000 vehicles in CY 2021, a big jump from around 85,000 units exported in 2020. This is also the highest ever export figure in any calendar year achieved by the company.

Maruti's export is also around 75,000 units more from Hyundai as the latter managed to ship 130,380 units in CY2021 with a growth of 31.8 % year-on-year. The other big car exporter from India was US-based Ford which last year decided to close its local manufacturing units and exit mass market.

Kenichi Ayukawa, MD & CEO, Maruti Suzuki, said, "This milestone reflects the confidence of customers around the world in the quality, technology, reliability, performance and cost-effectiveness of our cars...We stand committed to live up to the trust placed by our global customers on us and will continue to delight them."

However, domestic sales of Maruti and Hyundai continue to remain under pressure as production capacity of the two automakers has hit severely by global chip shortage.

Maruti's top five exports models in 2021 include Baleno, Dzire, Swift, Spresso and Brezza, and if a senior company executive is to be believed, the export models uses less number of chips than the models sold in India. Maruti vehicles are popular with global customers across Latin America, ASEAN, Africa, Middle East and neighboring regions.

NUMBER OF VEHICLES EXPORTED

In two-wheelers, Pune-based Bajaj Auto led its strong sales momentum in export markets, with sales of 25lakh-plus units in the calendar year 2021. This is a 30% increase over the previous year. Two-wheeler exports for CY 2021 stood at 22 lakh-plus units while three-wheeler and quadricycle sales added another 3 lakh-plus units. The 125cc-plus segment contributed 41% of two-wheeler volumes.

Rakesh Sharma, Executive Director, Bajaj Auto, said, "The new year will see further moves into key markets like Brazil and western Europe. Also, we believe the newly launched Pulsar 250 and top-end Dominar portfolio will expand the premium segment and further strengthen our position and performance there."

TVS Motor ships around 80,000-100,000 units every month. Hero MotoCorp and Honda 2-wheelers have small share in overseas market.

Housing sales up 72% in Mumbai, 3x in Hyderabad

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE MMR (Mumbai Metropolitan Region) led India's housing market by a huge margin in 2021 while Hyderabad, which has fast emerged as a global IT city, witnessed steepest increase in sales last calendar year.

Housing sales across top 7 cities rose 71% Y-o-Y in 2021 with approx. 2.37 lakh units sold, thus reaching 90% of pre-Covid 2019 levels, according to data shared by real estate consultant Anarock. MMR recorded the highest sales at 76,400 units, followed by NCR (national capital region) with approx. 40,050 units sold.

Housing sales in MMR grew by 72% Y-o-Y, but the same grew by a whopping 197% in Hyderabad to 25,410 units as against 8,560 units sold in 2020.

While low interest rates and discounts/offers given by developers helped the overall sales, it was government incentives like Maharashtra's stamp duty cut that gave a big push to sales in the state. According to sector experts, robust supply and affordability factor drove sales in Hyderabad. New launches in Hyderabad during CY 2021 grew by 144% Y-oY to 51,470 units and was only second to Mumbai's 56,880 units.

Housing sales in NCR grew by 73% from 23,210 units in 2020 to 40,050 units in 2021while Pune sales increase of 53% from 23,460 units in 2020 to 35,980 units in 2021

In Bengaluru, housing sales grew by 33% from 24,910 units in 2020 to 33,080 units in 2021. Chennai saw a hefty 86% increase in sales from 6,740 units in 2020 to 12,530 units in 2021 while Kolkata saw an 83% increase in sales from 7,150 units in 2020 to 13,080 units in 2021

"Despite the pandemic, 2021 was a fantastic year for the Indian housing sector," said Anuj Puri, Chairman - Anarock Group.

DMart's Q3 revenue rises 22% to ₹9,065 cr

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AVENUE Supermarts Ltd, which owns and operates retail chain DMart, announced its standalone revenue from operations rose 21.96% year-on-year to ₹9,065.02 crore during the December quarter of 2021. The company in an exchange filing on Sunday informed that it's revenue stood at ₹7,432.69 crore during October-December quarter of 2020, while it was at ₹6,751.94 in the same quarter of 2019.

"Standalone revenue from operations for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 stood at ₹9,065.02 crore," said Avenue Supermarts Ltd in a regulatory filing.

Its total number of stores as of December 31, 2021 stood at 263, which is 17 more than the July-September quarter of this fiscal. Avenue Supermarts had reported a standalone net profit of ₹449 crore for July-September 2021, while its total revenue stood at ₹7,650 crore during the quarter.

Promoted by Radhakishan Damani and his family, DMart retails basic home and personal products across markets including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, NCR, Tamil Nadu, Punjab and Rajasthan.

₹40-CR GST

No intention to evade tax: Crypto exchange WazirX

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ZANMAI Labs Pvt. Ltd, which manages crypto exchange WazirX, on Monday said that it has been diligently paying tens of crores worth of GST every month.

The statement comes three days after the Goods and Services Tax (GST) department detected a GST evasion worth ₹40.5 crore by the cryptocurrency exchange WazirX.

"There was an ambiguity in the interpretation of one of the components which led to a different calculation of GST paid. However, we voluntarily paid additional GST in order to be cooperative and compliant. There was and is no intention to evade tax," Zanmai Labs spokesperson said. The spokesperson added that they strongly believe that regulatory clarity is the need of the hour for the Indian crypto industry. "It will also provide us with more clarity on taxation so that we can work in sync with the lawmakers, and continue to be a responsible industry player," the spokesperson said, adding that these queries are common industry practices for all businesses.

"We clarified their doubts and also voluntarily paid the GST to clear their dues," the spokesperson further added.

WazirX has been witnessing record trading volume. The crypto exchange also crossed a user base of 10 million. Commenting about this GST evasion, Manav Bajaj, Founder Panther Quant said, "Tax is a law enforcement matter and WazirX has already issued a statement."

Sathvik Vishwanath, Co-Founder and CEO of Unocoin said the GST collection is seen very much in a positive light by the industry. "This is giving clarity on how the GST is seeing cryptos and the services from exchanges. The GST department has visited us as well and is presently collecting the reports from us to evaluate if there are any differences in how we have calculated these taxes," he added.

RELIANCE'S ARM ACQUIRES 25.90% EQUITY IN SWREL

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Sterling and Wilson Renewable Energy Ltd (SWREL) on Monday informed that Reliance New Energy Solar Ltd (RNESL) has become its promoter after it paid a balance of ₹1,583 crore for acquisition of 25.90% equity in it. With this transaction, RNESL and other group firms together hold over 40% stake in SWREL.

This October RNESL had executed definitive agreements with Shapoorji Pallonji and Company Private Ltd (SPCPL), Khurshed Daruvala, and Sterling & Wilson Solar Ltd (SWSL) to acquire 40% stake. Recently, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has also cleared the deal. "Consequent to the allotment of the subscription shares and in accordance with the terms of the SSA and the SEBI (SAST) regulations, the acquirer (RNESL) has been classified as a promoter of the target company (SWREL) along with the existing promoter and promoter group of the target company with effect from December 30, 2021," said SWREL in the statement.

Karkhana.io aims to digitalise manufacturing biz

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

THE new on-demand B2B manufacturing platform Karkhana.io is aiming to digitalise and streamline the manufacturing industry in India through its new digital platform.

On-demand manufacturing is a system where the products are manufactured as and when required, and the manufacturing is organised on a cloud platform that links all elements of manufacturing - demand, supply, and project management.

The company raised $1.5 million in the seed round led by Vertex Ventures SEA and India. "We are planning to raise more funds this calendar year and also by this fiscal, we will be launching a new platform, strengthening our supplier base across India, and collaborating with entrepreneurs and enterprises to solve their manufacturing issues," Sonam Motwani, Founder and CEO, Karkhana.io said.

Its manufacturing capabilities include 3D printing, CNC machining and sheet metal work, among others.

The manufacturing industry in India is characterised by millions of small enterprises providing services to a few large customers.

According to IBEF, India has potential to become a global manufacturing hub and by 2030, it can add more than $500 billion annually to the global economy.

'Firms offering big incentives'

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"MANY companies are gearing up to function at pre-pandemic levels and offering greater incentives along with a safe working environment to employees," said Yeshab Giri, chief commercial officer-staffing at HR consultancy firm Randstad India.

December usually sees a slowdown in hiring, as the festive season winds down and picks up somewhat during the last week, pointed out Ritupar-na Chakraborty, co-founder and executive vice-president at staffing firm TeamLease Services. She, however, does not think that Omicron influenced the jobless rate as it was only in the last week of December the country saw a spike. "Besides a natural winding down, there won't be any knee jerk downgrade in hiring," she added.

CMIE's unemployment data is closely watched as the government doesn't release monthly figures.

Reserve Bank issues framework for offline digital transactions

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has paved the way for offline payments using any instrument like cards, wallets, mobile devices, etc. The banking regulator on Monday released the framework for offline payment transactions.

The framework sets an upper limit of ₹200 per offline transaction.

The total limit for offline transactions on a payment instrument has been set at ₹2,000 at any point in time.

As per the new rules, offline payments can be made face-to-face only, and transactions can be done without Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA).

However, replenishment of used limit can be allowed only in online mode with additional factor authentication.

An offline payment is one where a transaction can be made without an internet or telecom connectivity. Offline payment can be enabled only after obtaining specific consent of the customer. Since the transactions are offline, alerts (by way of SMS and / or e-mail) will be received by the customer after a time lag.

The offline payment framework, which comes into effect immediately, requires the issuer - banks or NBFCs -- to send transaction alerts to users as soon as transaction details are received. But it is not necessary to send alert for each transaction; however, details of each transaction should be adequately conveyed.

The authorized payment system operators will have to incur all liabilities arising out of technical or transaction security issues at merchant's end.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients Smt. Nanjamma, 2. Sri. Muniyalappa, 3. Smt. Puttamma, 4. Sri Krishnamurthy, 5. Sri Rangaswamy, 6 Smt. Muniyamma, 7. Sri. Lakkappa 8. Smt. Lingamma, 9. Smt. Muniyamma, 10. Sri. Siddappa, 11. Smt. Munirathnamma, 12. Sri Munirama, 13. Sri. Anjanappa, 14. Sri. Yalappa, 15. Smt. Rangamma, 16. Sri Munirangappa, 17. Sri Muniaiah, 18. Sri Srinivas, 19. Sri Arun Kumari, all R/a Srinamanahalli, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru District-562163, have executed an unregistered General Power of Attorney on 04/09/2017, in favour of Sri. Suryabrahmavar, S/o Late Dhalappa, R/at No.7/201, SLN Building, Ayyappa Temple Road, T Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, to do all acts, deeds and things mentioned therein as per the General Power of Attorney, in respect of schedule property.

My clients having come to know that the aforesaid person have acted detrimental to my client's interest and in violation of the terms of the General Power of Attorney dated 04/09/2017 and as their rights and liabilities relating to the schedule property being jeopardized, My clients have revoked all the powers given to said Sri Suryabrahmavar by issuing legal notice dated 10/11/2021 through Registered Post/Acknowledgment due and intimating the revocation of GPA.

Therefore, my clients hereby notify to the general public that the aforesaid Sri. Suryabrahmavar is no more his power of Attorney and he has no right to transact with the schedule property and hence it is cautioned to the General public that Whomsoever, purchase or enter into any transaction in respect of schedule property, in any manner, they shall be doing at their own risk and my clients are in no way responsible for the same and the transactions is not binding on my clients.

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I

Jeevan Mangal Building,1st & 2nd Floor, Residency Road, Bangalore-560025

O.A. No. 801/2020

Between:
Canara Bank, Mahalaxmi Layout Branch, ...APPLICANT
AND:
M/S Enloar Photovoltics & Others ..DEFENDANTS

MEMORANDUM OF SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 23 (VIII) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) Rules 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, an Application has instituted as application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act. 1993, against you to repay the application Bank a of **Rs.57,39,210.54/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs thirty nine Thousand two hundred ten and fifty four paisa Only) as on **29.02.2020** together with interest at the Rate of 13.40% +2% p.a and future interest. You are hereby required to show within 30days from the date of publication of this Summons or on **01.02.2022** at **10.30 A.M,** in the forenoon. in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted in case of the defaulter in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this the **18th Day of December, 2021.**

By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 1,

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Smt. Umadevi. T W/o
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The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sri L P Gold, Represented By Its Propritor Mr. Amit Rawal/ Prathik Rawal N0-842 Raj Complex SMM Lane, Nagarathpet Cross Bangalore Karnataka-560002/ 656005600860/ 656055015061	All That Piece And Parcel of The Land Bearing Survey No.66/43, Bearing BBMP Khatha No.14/66/43, No-202, Type B-2 in Second Floor Meassuring 1646 Super Built Up Area, Containing 3 BHK With one Covered Car Parking Space in Basement and This Property Known as "indira Iris" Situtated at Thanisandra Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now Within The Jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Byatarayanapura Zone, Thanisandra Sub-Zone, Bbmp Ward No-6. Flat Boundries as Follows: East By: Corridor West By: Open Space North By- Flat No.201 South By- Flat No. 203	23.11.2021 Rs. 93,06,615.00/-	30/07/ 2021
2.	M/s. Sandeep Ceramics/ Represented By Proprietor Ajay Kumar Sood/ Manju Sood/ Radhika Sharma No.1, Nehru Nagar, Survey, No.139/ 1 Yelahanka Bypass, Near Coffee Day, Yelahanka Bangalore Karnataka-560064/ 343905000977	Schedule of Property- all That Piece and Parcel of Residential Building Bearing N0-135, S-5 (208), S.F.S, G.K.V.K Post, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore Presently BBMP Khatha No. 2647/S 2 135, No.135, BBMP PID No: 003 W0741- 37, Housing Board Colony, 208 SFS, 4th Stage, Yelahanka New Town, Yelahanka, Bangalore Meassuring East to West 15+10/2 Meters and North to South 20 Metres in All Meassuring 250 Sq Feet Meters. Boundries as Follows: East By: Site No.134 West By: Site No.136 North By- open Yard South By- Road Schedule of Property- 2 All That Piece and Parcel of Appartment Bearing Sy No-79 and Sy No- 80 Assigned Kaneshumari Property Khatha No, 226/154, Bearing Flat No. S-1 in Second Floor of B Block Having Super Built Up area of 1740 Sq Feet In Appartment Complex Called "Sai Greens "Situtated at Challakere Village, K.R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. Boundries as Follows: East By: Private Property West By: Remaining Portion of Land Belonging to The Seller and Government Road North By- Private Property South By- Remaining Portion of Land Belonging to The Vendor and Private Property	23.11.2021 Rs. 3,77,80,720.57/-	29/09/ 2021
3.	High Sky Hospitality Services Private Limited Represented By Directors Koushik Das, Nivedita Biswas And Anwar Basha. Khatha No- 590, Sy 10/1 1st Cross Beml Layout Tubrahalli, Behind Hdfc Bank Bangalore Karnataka 560066/ 414005500047	All That Piece and Parcel of Land Being A Vacant Residential Site Bearing No.5 AC 103 at HRBR 3rd Block, Bangalore, Ward No- 89, Kacharakanahalli, Hennur Road, Banaswadi Road Layout, (HRBR Layout) Boundries as Follows: East By: Site Bearing No.5 AC-105 West By: Site Bearing No.5 AC-101 North By- Site Bearing No.5 BC-102 and Site Bearing No.5 BC-104 South By- 5th 'A' Cross Road and Meassuring East to West: 12.20 Meteres North to South:18.30 Meteres Totally Meassuring in All 223.25 Square Meteres or 2400 Square Feet.	23.11.2021 Rs. 2,25,87,203.73/-	30/07/ 2021
4.	Mukesh G Agarwal/ Hemalata Agarwal/ Gopichand Agarwal Block No- 8, Irani Building Wadi Gulbarga Gulbarga Karnataka- 585225/ 412505500022/ 412555000005	Schedule of Property-1 All That Piece and Parcel of Residential Building Bearing S Y No. 10/ 1 Ground Floor 106, Yelanchenahalli Shyam Ambika Appartment, Netravati Tent Road, 4th Cross, Bangalore, Karnataka- 560078 Boundries as Follows: East By: Land Building Belong to Sri Venkateshwara Temple West By: Property Belong to SMT Usha Sudhindra North By- Property Belong to Sri Machanna Devaru South By- 30 Feet Road Named Netravati Tent Road Schedule of Property- 2 All That Piece and Parcel of Property SY No.306/3 B, Near ACC Factory, wadi Village, Chittapur Taluq, Gulbarga District Karnataka- 585225 Boundries as Follows: East By: Road West By: Agriculture Land of Bheemrao North By- Acc area South By- Agriculture Land of Subhash.	16.11.2021 Rs. 3,07,56,821.31/-	30/04/ 2021
5.	M/s Superfit Represented By Its Proprietor Raghu Kumar/ T Venkatamaraiah/ Madhu/ No- 43- 47, Old No 43/ 71 6th Main Road, Sarvabhuma Nagar- K Srtc Layout, Chikkalasandra Village Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore Karnataka-560061/ 004705015579/ 232505000613	All That Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing Residential Site House List No. 43- 47, Katha No: 71, old No: 43/71 and 47/71, Situated at Chikkalasandra Village. Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Bangalore, AC Sheet House Measuring 1-00 Square, Built With Cement Wall and Jungle Wood Doors and Windows, Cement Flooring, Electricity and other Civic Amenities. Property Bounded By: East By: Property No. 51. West By: others Property No.43 North By: Road South By: Site No. 44 and 48. Measurements: to East of Site No. 43. East to West 4- 00 Feet. North to South: 30 Feet. For Site No: 47 East to West: 30-00 Feet. North to South: 30-00 Feet. Total: East to West: 34- 00 Feet. North to South: 30-00 Feet. Total: 1020-00 Sq. Ft. And	12.11.2021 Rs. 20,64,832.53/-	28/05/ 2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 04, 2022
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

CENTRAL ORGANISATION FOR RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION

Website: www.core.indianrailways.gov.in
Fax No.: 0532-2408826, Email: ohe1.core@gmail.com

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender Notice No.: CORES02215016 Date: 31.12.2021

On behalf of the President of India, Principal Chief Material Manager, Central Organization Railway Electrification, Prayagraj, invites following E-TENDER:-

E-Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Tender Due Date
CORES02215016	Design, Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of SCADA system along with CAMC.	02 Sets	28.01.2022

Note:- (1) The complete information of above E-Tender and Tender document are available on **IREPS** website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in Only E-Bids shall be accepted against above Tender.** The e-bids may be submitted before **11:00** hrs. on tender opening date. **(2)** In case of any technical difficulty, helpdesk of CRIS/New Delhi may be approached.

The Telephone numbers are:- 011-24105180, 24102855, 24100746, 24671469.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
212213 004565	Procurement of 720 GSM Kraft Corrugated Circular Disc (5Ply) - 97CM for Unit-1&2	17.01.2022
212213 004487	Procurement of 90GSM Kraft Sheets of various sizes	17.01.2022
212213 004486	Procurement of Laminated Wrapper for Centum Examination Sheets	12.01.2022
212223 002246	Bleached Chemi Thermo Mechanical Pulp Softwood 70 FSC Mix for Unit-II	12.01.2022
212223 002247	Stoneground Softwood Pulp for Board Plant (Unit-II)	12.01.2022
Email	212213004564, 4487 & 4486 - purchase.packing@tnpl.co.in 212223002246 & 2247 - purchase.pulp@tnpl.co.in	

Detailed Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD are available in tender document at our websites: **www.tnpl.com/ www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

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KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No.SEE/EE/Tr/W&M/DVG/EE/AEE-2/F-114/21-22/Cys-120 Date : 03.01.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(e-Procurement Mode only)

KPTCL, invites e-Tenders in the prescribed form from Super Grade Licensed Electrical Contractor against **Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr(W&M)/DVG/EE/AEE-2/21-22/957 Dated: 29.12.2021** for **Replacement of 1x8MVA 66/11kV Power Transformer by 1x12.5MVA 66/11kV Power Transformers at 66/11 KV Sub-station Hiriyur, in Hiriyur Taluk Chitradurga District on Partial Turnkey Basis excluding the material equipment supplied by KPTCL.**

Tenders will be accepted through **e-Procurement Mode** only. For further details, prospective Bidders are advised to log on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** & Click on the Hyperlink **'e-Procurement-kptcl'** to participate in e-Procurement **on or after 04.01.2022.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele),**
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Near Stadium, Hadadi Road, Davanagere. Phone: 08192-250774

GOVERNMENT OF KARANATAKA

Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department Office of the Executive Engineer Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Division Koppal.

No/E.E/MID / tank filling / Corrigendum /PB/2021-22/3072
Dated: 30.12.2021

CORRIGENDUM

Ref:- This office tender notification No:2982 Dated: 18.12.2021

Adverting to the above cited reference, in respect of the tender conditions/documents may please be read as follows.

1. As Notified Earlier: Stipulated period of completion of work including monsoon 24 Months(including mansoon): **Now To be Read as:** Stipulated period of completion of work including monsoon 18 Months(including mansoon)

2. As Notified Earlier: The contractor on payment of tender processing fees (not refundable) of as specified in e –portal can have access to e-tender document i.e, the tender schedules, Bid documents in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in **: 27-12-2021: Now To be Read as:** The contractor on payment of tender processing fees (not refundable) of as specified in e –portal can have access to e-tender document i.e, the tender schedules, Bid documents in the website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in : **07-01-2022.**

3. As Notified Earlier: Last date for submission of completed tender documents.: **17-01-2022 up to 17.30 Hours: Now To be Read as:** Last date for submission of completed tender documents.: **28-01-2022 up to 17.30 Hours**

4. As Notified Earlier: Pre bid meeting will be held on: **10-01-2022, 11.00 Hours: Now To be Read as:** Pre bid meeting will be held on: **20-01-2022, 11.00 Hours**

5. As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: **19-01-2022 , 11.00 Hours: Now To be Read as:** Date of opening of Technical Bid Document: **31-01-2022 , 11.00 Hours**

6. As Notified Earlier: Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: **21-01-2022 , 11.00 Hours: Now To be Read as:** Date of opening of Financial Bid Document: **02-02-2022 , 11.00 Hours**

All other terms and conditions of the Original tender notification remain unchanged

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water development Division Koppal

DIPR/Koppal/447/MCA/2021-22

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Vijayanagara Division,
3rd Main Road,1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavana,
Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040.

No: EE(VJN)/AE/TEND/12/2021-22 Date: 03.01.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Two cover & Single Cover)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only)

The Executive Engineer, (Vijayanagara) BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible contractors registered in Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/ KPWD/Ralways/ MES or any State Government Orgaizations for the constructions of works detailed in the table below.

Name of the Works/Category	Approx. Value of Work (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD Declaration
(Two Cover System) (KW-4)		
Augmentation of Water supply through borewells, network of pipelines and ground water recharge facilities in Vijayanagara Constituency. (Others)	**110.00**	**110,000.00**
(Single Cover System) (KW-1 & 2)		
Construction of compound wall to burial ground near park Rajkumar Road in Ward No-132 Attiguppe. (SC)	**24.90**	**49,800.00**

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded in the e-procurement portal GOK from **10.01.2022**. (2) Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or before **20.01.2022** upto **4:00** pm and the opening of Tenders will be as per the e-procurement portal guidelines. (3) Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **17.01.2022** at **3:00 pm.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer (Vijayanagara) 1st Floor, Shasakara Bhavana, 3rd Main Road, Vijayanagara, Bengaluru-560 040. (4) Technical Bids for Two Cover System and Financial Bids for Single Cover System will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer, (Vijayanagara) on or after **21.01.2022** at **4:30** pm. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Vijayanagara Division

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Cantonment Branch, Bengaluru.

APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical /constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **20.01.2022,** for recovery of **Rs.18,00,739/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Seven Hundred Thirty Nine only) (as on 27.12.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **M/s. Hamza Enterprises** Prop- **Mohammed Nizam, Borrower(s), Mr. Moammed Yousuff Guarantor(s),** No.671, Thanisandra main Road, Near Eliment Mall, Nagawar SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: All that piece and parcel of Residential Flat No.104, Ground Floor, **"R K COMFORT",** 2nd Cross, BBMP New Municipal No.7, PID No.90-32-7, BBMP Ward No.90, Lingarajapura Main Road, Near Sunder Hospital, St Thomas, Kariyanapalya, Kancharakanahalli, Bangalore-560084, measuring total of 512 sqft as super built up area and 111sqft as undivided share of land and **bounded on the: East by:** Property of Mrs Gowramma, **West by:** Property of M Gopal, **North by:** 2nd Cross Road, **South by:** BBMP Property.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	Reserve Price: Rs.15,00,000/-
EMD Amount: Rs.1,50,000/-	Bid incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of e-auction: 20.01.2022	Property ID No.: IDIB50320070017

Bidders are advised to visit the website **(www.mstcecommerce.com)** of our e auction service provider **MSTC Ltd** to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call **MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-22901004** and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with **MSTC Ltd,** please contact **ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com** and for EMD status please contact **ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.**

For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number **'18001025026'** and **'011-41106131'.**

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com.**

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 03.01.2022

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.
Phone: 23562229 / 23460051

SALE CUM AUCTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Whereas the Bank auction through its Authorized Officer **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore** In exercise of its powers under section 13(4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for sale the schedule-1 part-A properties for realization of the schedule-1 part-B debts due to the Bank upon the following terms and conditions pursuant to default committed by the borrowers notice is hereby given under rule 8(6) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 **that the sale of property described in scheduled-1part-A** shall be held by the Authorized officer as Per details set out here under.

Date of Sale	**04.02.2022**
Place of Sale	**Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd. A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.**

Schedule-1, part-A

Sl No.	Name of the borrower / Co-borrower	Description of property	Reserve Price in Rupees	EMD in Rupees	Time of Sale
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	**Sri K.V. Ramamurthy (Borrower) S/o K.V. Venkataswamy** resident at: No. 7, H.L No.1015, PID No. 89-35-7, Khatha No.58/2-3, Sy No. 58/2 & 58/3, 2nd 'B' Cross, Ramaiah Layout, Kammanahalli, Bangalore-560084. **Guarantors: 1) Smt. Kala W/o K V Ramamurthy,** No.7, 2nd 'B' Cross (Old 6th Cross), Ramaiah Layout, Kammanhalli, Bangalore-560084. **2) Sri Ganesh N. S/o Narayanaswamy,** No. 1674/21, 6th Main Road, 4th Cross,, Near Holi Angel School, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Bangalor-560040.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property being land with residential buliding bearing Corporation No.7, PID No. 89-35-7, situated at 6th Cross (New 2 'B' Cross) Kammanahalli Main Road, Bengaluru, Formerly bearing H L No. 1015, Khata No. 52/2-3, Survery No. 52/2 and 52/3 Situated at Kammanahalli Village, Kacharakanahalli Dhakale, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Bengaluru, **Measuring East to West:** 45 feets and **North to South:** 40feets, having a total extent of 1800 Square feets and **bounded by: East by:** Others Property, **West by** : Road, **North by**: Property belongs to Mathew, **South by:** Road.	**Rs.1,62,20,422/-**	**Rs. 16,22,042/--**	**11.00 AM**
2.	**Sri Manjunath M S/o Sri B. Muniyappa, (Borrower)** No. 51/1, 29th Cross, Next to Six Cone Apartment, Eejipura, Vivekanagar Post, Bangalore-560047. **Guarantors: 1) Smt. Munilakshmi C. W/o Manjunath M.** No. 51/1, 29th Cross, Next to Six Cone Apartment, Eejipura, Vivekanagar Post, Bangalore-560047. **2) Sri Siddeshwara M. S/o Basavaraja M. P.** No. 178, 3rd Cross, 5th Main Road, Vivekanagar, Further Extension, Bangalore-560047.	All that piece and parcel of immovable Present Corporation site No. 18, present PID No. 68-173-18, property No. 5, House List No. 89/5, Ex. V.P. Khatha No. 70, (24th Cross), 1st Cross, Muneshwara Layout, Eejipura, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP(68) Ward No. 148. **Measuring: East-West:** 35'0" Feets, **North-South** 60'0" Feets, **Bounded by: East by:** Road, **West by:** V. Muniswamy's property, **North by:** Nanjundaiah's Property, **South:** Chinnappa's property.	**Rs.1,24,38,191/-**	**Rs. 12,43,820/-**	**12.00 PM**

Schedule-1, part-B

Name of the Borrower / Co-borrowers	Nature of Facility	Total dues
1) K.V. Ramamurthy S/o K.V. Venkataswamy	Mortgage	Rs.1,62,20,422/- Plus further Interest and cost from 29.12.2021
2) Manjunath M. S/o Sri B. Muniyappa,	Mortgage	Rs.1,24,38,191/- Plus further Interest and cost from 29.12.2021

***Amount already paid if any will be adjusted from total dues.**

In the event of Schedule- 1part-B debts and the costs of sale being tendered by the borrower on or before **03.02.2022** Before **4.00 PM** the Authorized Officer would stop the sale. No communication or offers would be entertained from the borrower once the sale in complete.

In the event of sale proceeds of schedule- 1part-A. properties is not sufficient to satisfy the Schedule -1 part- B debts then the Bank would take resources to the remedies available under law for recovery of balance amount.

Conditions of Sale:

1.Sale is being held on as is where is basis, what ever there and without recourse basis and the Bank is not responsible for title condition Or any other fact affecting the property.

2. The particulars specified in schedule-1 part-B have been stated to the best of information of the Bank and will not be answerable for any error misstatement or omission.

3.For the reasons recorded it shall be discretion of the Authorized officer to cancel / postpone the sale for any reason and return The bids Submitted and Bank would not entertain any claim or representation in that regard from the bidders.

4.The person declared to be the purchaser shall pay forth with on receipt of such declaration a deposit of 25% of sale price and Remaining Amount shall be paid with in 15 days from the date of conformation of sale by the Bank in the event of default said payment within the above Period the entire amount including EMD deposited by the person declared to be the purchaser shall be forfeited and the property shall be Resold and defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all the claims on the property and the amount.

5.On issuance of Sale Certificate by the Bank sale shall be complete and no claims shall be entertained by the Bank.

6. Nothing in this notice constitutes of will deemed to constitute any commitment or representation on the part of the Bank to sell the Property Bank reserves the right to cancel / postpone the sale for any reason it may deem fit or even without assigning any reason and Such cancellation shall not be called in question by the bidders.

7.The bank reserves the right to accept, reject any or all bids at any stage and vary modify and waive any condition of sale in its absolute Discretion.

8.Statutory dues like property taxes/cess and / or Builder / Society / Association / Apartment development charges/ dues, contribution to society funds, transfer charges, arrears of electricity dues, arrears of water charges etc. should be ascertained by the Bidder(s) /Offerer(s) /prospective purchaser(s) beforehand and the same should be paid by the purchaser prior to execution of the sale Certificate. The stamp duty, registration charges/fees as applicable in respect of the sale certificate to be executed and all expenses incidental to the sale shall be borne by the purchaser alone.

9.The Authorized Officer Auctions this property on as is where is basis and any issues / disputes shall not be entertained by the Authorized Officer after conclusion of auction proceedings. The successful bidder shall make his / her own arrangements to take the auctioned property In vacant /actual possession and no claims /demand is maintainable before the Authorized Officer by the successful bidder on conclusion of Auction proceedings.

Subject to the conditions of Sale Above sealed tenders are invited from the interested persons willing to purchase the Schedule-1 part-B Properties.

* Sealed tenders must reach the Authorized Officer at the address mentioned above on or before **4.00 PM 03.02.2022** along with Demand Draft towards the earnest Money Deposit (EMD) for the property and with the bid from duly completed. Bid form be collected From the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd.. Bangalore** Above address. The Demand Draft /pay Order shall be drawn on **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd.. Bangalore** Payable at **Bangalore**. Cheques will not be accepted or EMD any bid accompanied by a cheque Is liable to be disqualified. The bids will be opened on **04.02.2022 by 10.30 AM** in presence of the Authorised officer & bidders present at **Bank Premises, Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore .**
* Bid shall be unconditional and bids with conditions are liable to be reject.
* Incase highest bid being two or more and contain the same offer price. Authorized Officer may at his discretion arrange for open bidding interest the bidders, who have offered the same price
* In that event the amount at biddings is to be increased or the method of bidding shall be as decided by the Authorised Officer.
* Brokers / Middleman shall not to be entertained.
* Only bidder will be participate in public auction.
* The Sale Notice has been issued on 31.12.2021 To the borrowers.

For inspection of the properties and for details the interested person contact. Mohan Gangadhar - Mobile: 8549009966.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 03.01.2022

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AICF postpones national chess events due to Covid

All India Chess Federation (AICF) announced the postponement of several national level championships scheduled for this month in view of the rising number of Covid-19 cases in the country and the restrictions imposed by various states. Among the events put off are the national junior, sub-junior and national school championships.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE, AGAIN

Brittle No 3, 4 & 5 leave India listless, manage 202 against South Africa at the Wanderers

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Chennai

IF watching India's bowling calls for ring-side viewing, watching their middle-order, Nos 3, 4 and 5 specifically, is a task reserved for peering between the fingers from behind the sofa. Watching them go about their business makes one open YouTube to remember the better days. It's a bit like seeing the Three Musketeers, except the swords have been replaced by plastic bats and chivalry with parody.

It was no different at the Wanderers on Monday. The visitors' middle-order had a slightly different look — skipper Virat Kohli sat out with an 'upper back spasm' so in came Hanuma Vihari — but there was no change in the established pattern of losing the spine of the line-up. Vihari looked the most assured before he was snaffled by Rassie van der Dussen off Kagiso Rabada for 20. What happened before he came in was so utterly predictable you don't even need to read this to find out.

Cheteshwar Pujara, who was caught at forward short-leg for nought in the first Test, lived a charmed life. He challenged that fielder under the helmet multiple times before one delivery climbed on him, took the shoulder of the bat before going to point. His three of 33 was full of tortured existence. In fact, it was the first time South Africa, who had again lost the toss, began to look threatening on a pitch having spongy bounce and some movement.

If Pujara's three was ugly, Ajinkya Rahane's zero was short and sweet. He came, took strike, poked his bat at a harmless delivery that was going out of its way to not trouble him. It caught the outer part of the blade and flew to third slip. All of a sudden, Duanne Olivier was on a hat-trick as the visitors slipped from a healthy-looking start to a slightly worrying 49/3. It was to India's credit that stand-in skipper KL Rahul, who else, really, prevented a collapse. In the company of Vihari, who cannot be blamed for the repeated blow-outs in the middle order, they put on a 42-run 4th wicket stand.

If it wasn't for that stand and Ravichandran Ashwin's fighting 46, the visitors will have finished way off the 202 they ended with. And that's been the theme of India's batting over the last two dozen Tests. One of the openers making a 50, a middle-order blow-out before a fire-fighting rescue act.

This film has been played out on so many occasions that the time for dialogue is perhaps over. Experience is gold at any level of sport but you cannot keep citing that to mask repeated under-performance at this level. This run that the team is on isn't really sustainable. Even taking into account this era of Test batting — widely acknowledged as one of the toughest in recent decades — they ought to be doing better.

Since the beginning of 2020, India's 3, 4 and 5, have the second worst Test batting average. Their 27.72 is only better than West Indies' 25.21. At the opposite end of the spectrum, you have Australia's No 3, 4 and 5 who average 46.34 in the period in question. Some of the numbers do not make for good reading. The 12 0s collected by the trio of Kohli, Rahane and Pujara (all of them on four) since the beginning of 2020 is only bettered by England's 13. The two 100s (joint second-worst with West Indies) managed by India's middle-order in the same time period is inflated by one because one of those was scored by Shreyas Iyer.

The one reason why Pujara, Kohli and Rahane — who between them have more zeroes (six) than half-centuries (four) in the last nine Tests going back to Southampton — have figured in the first XI whenever they have been available for selection is because their lack of runs hasn't affected the side. At Cape Town, India should finally twist rather than stick.

Siraj leaves field

Pacer Mohammed Siraj appeared to have injured his hamstring during his run-up late on day one. He immediately left the field. While the extent of the injury was not known at the time of going to press, Ashwin was hopeful of Siraj taking the field on Tuesday.

Ajinkya Rahane's (L) and Cheteshwar Pujara's struggles continue as both were dismissed cheaply once again on Monday. Stand-in skipper KL Rahul scored a half-century while R Ashwin made 46 to help India go past the 200-run mark | AP/AFP

SCOREBOARD

India 1st Innings: Rahul c Rabada b Jansen 50, Agarwal c Verreynne b Jansen 26, Pujara c Bavuma b Olivier 3, Rahane c Petersen b Olivier 0, Vihari c Van der Dussen b Rabada 20, Pant c Verreynne b Jansen 17, Ashwin c Petersen b Jansen 46, Thakur c Petersen b Olivier 0, Shami c & b Rabada 9, Bumrah not out 14, Siraj c Verreynne b Rabada 1, **Extras:** (b8, lb3, nb5) **16 Total:** (all out in 63.1 overs) **202**; **FoW:** 1-36, 2-49, 3-49, 4-91, 5-116, 6-156, 7-157, 8-185, 9-187; **Bowling:** Rabada 17.1-2-64-3, Olivier 17-1-64-3, Ngidi 11-4-26-0, Jansen 17-5-31-4, Maharaj 1-0-6-0. **South Africa 1st innings:** Elgar (batting) 11, Markram lbw b Shami 7, Petersen (batting) 14; **Extras:** (lb2, w1) **3**; **Total:** (1 wicket in 18 ovs) **35**; **FoW:** 1-14; **Bowling:** Bumrah 8-3-14-0, Shami 6-2-15-1, Siraj 3.5-2-4, Thakur 0.1-0-0-0.

I-League suspended after fresh +ve cases

MARTIN JOSEPH @ Kochi

WHEN the Gokulam Kerala FC camp huddled together to discuss the league's decision to postpone the 2021-22 season by at least six weeks, and how it was going to affect their title defence, the overwhelming sentiment was that of helplessness. As for players who stayed in the bubble for months, it was a case of trying to curb their disappointment and doing everything they could so that it resumes soon. On Monday, in the light of a fresh outbreak inside the league's bio-bubble in Kolkata, an official meeting was conducted with representatives from all teams participating in the current I-League campaign, where it was 'unanimously' decided to postpone the competition.

"The whole talk within the club revolved around how we just have to accept the situation. Even though none of our players or staff were affected, we understand it was too big a risk to go ahead with the league. It would take weeks for players to recover and then resume training so we have to be patient. Our team will return and wait for instructions from the AIFF on the next course of action. Same goes with all teams even though there is a lot of disappointment," said a Gokulam club official.

The league was initially postponed after five players and three officials from various clubs had tested positive last week. A fresh round of tests were conducted recently which reported more positive cases and forced the federation to call an emergency meeting chaired by AIFF vice-president Subrata Dutta, where the suggestions of AIFF Sports Medical Committee Dr. Harsh Mahajan were discussed.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE

BENGALURU EYE SUCCESS OVER WIN-LESS EAST BENGAL

ASHIM SUNAM @ Bengaluru

THINGS have not gone according to plan for Bengaluru FC and SC East Bengal this ISL season, especially with lack of wins on the board. If the former has just two wins in nine matches, the latter has failed to register a single win. However, when the two teams face each other in Bambolim on Tuesday, the Blues will be confident after their win over Chennaiyin.

This clash is going to be much more than just the points available from the game. With Bengaluru having snapped a seven-game winless streak recently, they will have to carry that momentum forward and build upon the confidence into the remainder of the competition, which is almost at the halfway stage. On paper, Bengaluru are seen as favourites, but head coach Marco Pezzaiuoli is aware that their game is not going to be any easy.

"Though the points table labels us as favourites, we know better than to take East Bengal lightly. We will have to replicate the same focus and mentality we have shown in our last few games if we are to get all points. I feel East Bengal have been unlucky in a few games, and possess some good players who can effect transitions well. They too are looking to move up the table and Tuesday's game will not be an easy one for us," Marco Pezzaiuoli said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Monday's result: Odisha 4-2 Mumbai City.

EXPRESS READ

Hafeez retires from international cricket

LAHORE: Pakistan all-rounder Mohammad Hafeez, who captained his national team in every format of the game, announced his retirement from international cricket, saying that he achieved more than he could ever imagine during a career spanning two decades.

Former State footballer Ghosh passes away

BENGALURU: Former Karnataka footballer Mohammed Ghosh, 88, passed away after suffering a heart attack on Monday. Ghosh, a windower, is survived by two sons and a daughter. The full back featured for the state in the Santosh Trophy besides representing CIL.

Ranji Trophy to go ahead amidst Covid scare

ENS @ Chennai

DESPITE new Covid-19 cases reported in Bengal and Mumbai Ranji Trophy camps, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has said that the tournament will go ahead as per schedule. Earlier on Sunday, it was reported that as many as seven players in the camp have tested positive for Covid-19.

"Keeping in mind the prevailing pandemic situation, the Cricket Association of Bengal had conducted RTPCR tests of all Bengal cricketers as a safety measure. The results have come out and it has been found that certain players had tested positive. The CAB is taking all necessary precautions and actions in this regard," CAB secretary Snehasish Ganguly said. Things got worse when reports emerged that Mumbai all-rounder Shivam Dube and the team video analyst tested positive. However, Sourav confirmed the tournament will go as per the schedule. "Yes, the Ranji Trophy will proceed as planned," he was quoted saying to ANI. The tournament begins on January 13.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified by large to the Public that, my client **Mrs. PREMA JAGANNATH** W/o G R Jagannath, aged about 72 years, Residing at No. 150Y, 50th Cross, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560 010, is the absolute owner and in possession of the residential property bearing House No. 10, House List No. 128, New BBMP 'A' Katha No. 567/565/540/454/128/10, situated at Chikkabommasandra Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Early Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under BBMP Limits, property measuring East-West 40 feet, North-South 60 feet, totally 2400 sq.ft, East by: House No.9, West by: House No.11, North by: Private Property and South by: Road. She has acquired the same under registered Gift Deed dated 07.10.2020 executed by her husband Mr. G.R. JAGANNATH, her Donor Mr. G.R. Jagannath has purchased the said residential property under the registered sale deed dated 03/01/1985 registered as Document No.3643/1984-85, Book-I, Vol. No.3826, pages 21024, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Bangalore North Taluk. Before executing the registered Gift Deed Donor Mr.G.R.Jagannath had lost / misplaced the original sale deed and he has lodged a police complaint to that extent on 07/06/2018 on the file of Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police. Now, my client had intended to sell the above said residential property to prospective purchaser/s. If any person finds the above mentioned original documents, it is requested to return the same original sale deed dated 03.01.1985 to the undersigned or return the documents to my client to the aforementioned address within seven days from this notice.

Further, if any person/s are having any right, title or interest over the residential house property is hereby directed to approach the undersigned counsel within a period of 07 (Seven) days from the date of this notice to substantiate their claim, failing which, no claim can be entertained after lapse of seven days of notice period.

Address: **K.J. JAGADEESHA,** Advocate
No. 189, 'Padmashree Nilaya',
First Floor, 25th Main, Judicial Layout,
GKVK Post, Bengaluru-560065.
Mob: 96630 79473 / 94489 74880

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mrs. SARVATHUNISA,** W/o Mr. S. Muneer Ahmed, aged about 53 years, R/at No. 1196/1, Abdul Azeez Road, New Town, BANGARPET-563114. KOLAR DISTRICT, intends to purchase the schedule property, from its owners **1. Mr. A.G. MOHAMMED ATHIQUR RAHAMAN** S/o late A.N. MD Ghouse, aged about 55 years. **2. Mrs. SHABEENA RAHAMAN,** W/o Mr. A.G. Mohammed Athiqur Rahaman, aged about 48 years, Both R/at No.15, 2nd Cross, 7th Main, C-Layout, Opp BSNL Office, Bannimantap, MYSORE-570015. for a valuable sale consideration.

Any person, having objections to the above transactions or any claims whatsoever on the schedule property, shall, lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within seven (7) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned. If no objections or any claim received within the stipulated period of seven days our client will proceed with the above mentioned transaction presuming that no one has any claim and any claim made thereafter shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing New Municipal No.10. PID No.96-231-10, consist of Ground, First, Second & Third Floor, Residential building, situated at 1st A-Cross, Kanakanagara, Old BBMP Ward No.96, New BBMP Ward No.22-Vishwanath Nagenahalli (formerly site No.8, Eastern portion of Assessment No.43/2, situated at Cholanayakanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk) Bangalore, measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South: on the western side 39 feet 9 inches and on the Eastern side 38 feet, in all measuring 777.5 sq ft., and bounded on **East by:** Site No.7 (previously Private Property), **West by:** remaining portion of the same property, **North by:** Private Property, **South by:** Road.

ADDRESS: **Noor Ahmed**
M/s S.Z.A. KHURESHI ASSOCIATES,
Advocates,
No.332. Darus-Salam Complex, Queens Road,
Bangalore-52. Cell No. 9448663550

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Susheela** W/o Mruthunjaya, Residing at: No.53, 5th Cross, K.R. Layout, 6th Stage, JP Nagar, Bangalore - 560078, I have lost my Original Registered sale deed executed on dated-23.06.1995 Doc. No. 2164/1995-96 While travelling by Scooter near Bannerghatta Road, Agrahara Village it lost.

If Any person/Institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and document, the said claims alongwith Supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. Any claim raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Deepa .A.M, Advocate
KAR/474/2012
No.6, Bhumika, 80 Feet Road,
Chandra Layout, Bangalore-560 040.
Dated : 03.01.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the Notice to the General Public that my client **BHARATH KUMAR .T** is intending to purchase the below mentioned schedule property, whereas purchaser Bharath Kumar T entered into sale agreement with Smt. Yeshoda R. W/o Ramesh T.V, on the dated 03.12.2021.

The Previous owner Muninanja Legal Heirs and the present owner Smt. yeshoda R. W/o Ramesh T.V. their legal heirs and any person/s having any claims, objections, right, title and interest over the schedule property and any such claims arises within 15 days please contact to below mentioned address with relevant documents from the date of publication of the notice, if no claims arises within stipulated time period of **15 days** of this Notice, my clients will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable **Property No.8 measuring East to West (30+31.9)/2 ft North to South 40 ft total measuring 1238 Sq.Ft. and Property No.7 measuring East to West (28.6+30)2ft North to South 40ft total measuring 1172 Square feet,** both are in the Layout formed in **Old Sy No.16, New Sy No.107, Situated Gantiganahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** Bounded on: **East :** Private Property, **West :** 25-0 feet Road, **North :** Site No.6, **South :** Site No.8.

V. POORNIMA, Advocate,
#1127, 1st Floor, 5th Main Road, 'A' Block,
2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Opp. State Bank of India
Bangalore-560010. Mob: 9742233192,
Bharath Kumar .T, Mob: 8277407648

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my Client **G.N. Kiran Kumar** R/a #8, Geown Lawnsway, Thippasandra Gate, Gunjur (P), Bangalore - 560087 agreed to purchase the Schedule (A) property from **Nagappa S/o Muniyallappa** R/a Nakkundi, Varthur (P), Bangalore - 87 and Schedule (B) Property from the Family members of **Munikrishnappa, Yallappa, P. Rajappa, M.Rajappa, T.K. Muinyappa, Rathnamma, Renukhamma, S.P Balaji, and Rathnamma** R/a Nakkundi, Varthur (P), Bangalore - 87. If anybody has got any legitimate claim over the same they can put forward their claim within "Ten days" from the date of publication of this noticed along with relevant documents to the under signed. Please do note that any claim/s that are received after ten days from the date of publication of this notice will not be taken into consideration. And my Client will proceed the purchase the above property as if there are no claimants / objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES

SCHEDULE – A

All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.86 and measuring 1 Acre 03 Guntas, situated at Nakkundi Dommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist., the property bonded on East : Nekkundi Dommasandara Village Road, West : Sy.No 12, North : Sy.No. 11, South : Sy.No.85.

SCHEDULE – B

All that piece and parcel of the Land bearing Sy.No.12 and measuring 3 Acre 12 Guntas, situated at NakkundiDommasandra Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Dist., the property bonded on East : Sy.No. 86, West : Sy.No 1, North : Sy.No. 11, South : Sy.No.13.

N. SOMASHEKAR, Advocate
Mahaveer Springs Apartment, 404, Vengamma Raju Layout, 17th Main, 18th Cross Rd, 5th Phase, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560078.
Bangalore 03.01.2022

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A State Government Undertaking)
Regd. Office: Sri Sai Towers, Door No.10-152/1, 4th & 5th Floor, Ashoknagar, Beside Siris Company, Bandar Road, Kanuru, Vijayawada-520007.

Lr.No.PDS/P2/1263/RF/2021-22 Dated: 03.01.2022

SHORT RE-TENDER NOTICE

EMPANELMENT OF MANUFACTURERS THROUGH AP e- Procurement PORTAL e-Reverse AUCTION PLATFORM FOR SUPPLY OF FROTIFIED RICE KERNELS (FRKs) WITH THREE (3) MICRO NUTRIENTS (IRON, FOLIC ACID AND VITAMIN B12) IN 20KGS BAG TO RICE MILLERS FOR FORTIFICATION OF CUSTOM MILLED RICE TO BE DELIVERED TO APSCSCL/ FCI.

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., invites Re-tender for Empanelment of Manufacturers for Supply of Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) for fortification of Custom Milled Rice. For registration, interested Manufacturers of FRKs from all over India shall visit **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or **www.apscscl.in** to view and download tender documents at free of cost.

The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in website **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact the help desk of procurement portal, **Phone numbers. 08645-246370/ 71/ 72/ 73/ 74.**

Last date for online registration and completion of Formalities for the e-Reverse auction shall be up to **2.00 PM of 10.01.2022** and the tentative date of **online e-auction through e-procurement auction platform would be on 13.01.2022, 11.00 AM** Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd
8B, Doshi Towers, 205, Poonamalle High Road, Kilpauk, Chennai-600 010.Telephone: 044-4565 0003

Possession Notice Appendix IV (rule8 (1) of the SARFAESI Act

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **demand notice dated 31-08-2021 calling upon the borrowers 1.RAJESHWARI 2.CHITTI BABU NAIDU D to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being for Home Construction Loan & Top Up Loan Nos: ABANGL0016714 & ABANGL0039075 of Rs.1646619/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen Only) & Rs.383531/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty One Only)** and within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **"Symbolic Possession"** of the property described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rule **on this 03rd day of January 2022.**

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd for an amount of Rs.1575468/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Eight Only) & Rs.389768/- (Rupees Three Lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty Eight Only) and as on 16-12-2021** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Description of the Immovable property:-

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.243, formed in Khatha Old No.3, New No.3/2, 3/3 and 3/4, situated at B.M.Kaval Village,Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, comes under the limits of Agara Grama Panchayath measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet in all measuring 1200 Sq Feet and **Bounded on the: Boundaries: North by :** Site no. 244, **South by :** Site no. 244, **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site no. 210.

Date: 03.01.2022 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division,
Chennammanakere, Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd Stage, Bangalore.

NO. EE/BG/TEND/12/2021-22 Date: 03.01.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT) (Two Cover System)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Package	Approx. amount put to tender (Rs. In Lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	Augmentation of water supply through borewells, network of Pipe Lines and ground water recharge facilities in Basavanagudi Constituency.	110.00	2.20

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from **07.01.2022 onwards. 2)** Last date and time for uploading tender documents: **18.01.2022 upto 16.00 hours. 3)** Pre-bid Meeting: **10.01.2022 at 16.00 Hrs. 4)** Opening of Technical document: **19.01.2022 at 16.00 hours.** Further details can be had from the office of the undersigned or refer website **https//:eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or Contact e-procurement helpdesk at 080-22441076.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basavanagudi Division.

PAY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES, HELP TO DEVELOP BENGALURU

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.

Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

PUBLIC NOTICE

MY CLIENT S. SRINIVASAN, S/o late Shanmugam, aged 60 years, holding residing at No.24, 23rd Cross, 18th Main, 5th Block, Ist Stage, H.B.R. Layout, Near Best English High School, Bengaluru-560043, has lost/misplaced the two original documents viz.,

(a) Absolute Sale Deed dated 20-09-2011, Registered as document No.2418/2011-12, of Book I, Stored in CD No. ABLD76, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Attibele, Anekal Taluk; AND

(b) Deed of Rectification dated 22-10-2011, Registered as document No. 2869/2011-12, of Book I, Stored in CD No.ABLD79, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Attibele, Anekal Taluk;

while in transit by a Three Wheeler Auto from his residence to Village Panchayath Office at Bellur Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk on 10-12-2021, pertaining to his immovable property being **Vacant Site No.232, Khatha No.1362/232,** formed in Residential Layout called as **'NRI'S CENTRE CITY'** carved out of Residentially Converted Lands bearing **Survey Nos. 190/p-4 to p-10, 190/p-12 to p/14, p-16, p-18, p-19, p-22 top-24, p-32, p-36 to p-38, p-44, p-46, p-47 and p-49, in all an extent of Acres 36-35 guntas,** situated at **BELLUR VILLAGE, ATTIBELE HOBLI, ANEKAL TALUK, BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT,** and the layout is being approved by BMRDA APPROVAL VIDE No. BMRDA.LAO.53/06-07, dated 25-06-2006.

A Complaint has been lodged with the **Bengaluru City Police Unit, on 30-12-2021, vide Lost Report No. 0125489/2021,** reporting the loss of the said documents. Any person, Bank, Financial Institution, Co-operative Bank/s, Private Financial Company etc., having any claim, demand or interest and are in possession of the above documents relating to the said property, may lodge his/her their objections/claims or hand over the documents within **10 (Ten) days** from this day, failing which it shall be deemed that nobody else has any kind of claim or demand over the said property and no further claims will be entertained after the above date, and the certified copy/ies obtained from the competent Sub-Registrar/s Office will be treated as originals thereof.

Sd/- **RAMESH D SHAH,** B.COM., LL.B., **Advocate**
No. 1, I Floor, 4th Cross, MeenakshiKoil Street
Cross, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051.
Place : Bengalru. Date: 03-01-2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **M. Manjunatha,** S/o late P. Muniraju, aged about 41 years, residing at No.3098 (Old No.2222), Vaddarapet, Doddaballapur Taluk-561203, has filed OS No.441/2021 on the file of Hon'ble Court of Principal Civil Judge, Sr.Division, Kanakapura against K.Mamatha, W/o late K.Srinivasa, aged about 37 years (2) Master K.S.Balakrishna, S/o late K.Srinivasa, aged about 14 years (3) Kum.K.A.Kusumanjali, D/o late K.Srinivasa, aged about 10 years, all residing at No.310/1, Opp: MGM Apartment, Abbaiah Naidu Layout, Chikkalsandra, Bangalore – 560 061, for the Declaration of the sale deeds dated 5.3.2021 and 6.3.2021 executed by my client in favour of K.Srinivasa as null and void and for a decree of permanent injunction. In the said case, my client has also prayed for an interim order for the grant of injunction restraining the aforesaid persons who are the legal representatives of late K.Srinivasa from alienating properties bearing Sy.Nos.23/2, measuring 2 Acres 4 guntas, 41/2, measuring 1 Acre 35.5 guntas, Sy.No.36/7 measuring 24 guntas and Sy.No.37/5, measuring 39 guntas, Sy.No.38/6, measuring 32 guntas, Sy.BNo.39/2, measuring 30 guntas, all S.Nos. situated at Maralagere Village, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramnanagara District. The Hon'ble court was pleased to order for the issuance of emergency notice to the aforesaid persons. In view of the pendency of the above case, which stands posted to 7.1.2022 the General Public are hereby informed not to deal with the aforesaid persons for the purchase of the aforesaid properties. If any person/s were to embark upon purchase, that action is bound by the decision to be taken by the Hon'ble court in the said suit. Inspire of this notice, if any person/s were to proceed in the purchase of the said properties, they will be doing so at their risk and subject to the result of the pending suit stated above.

D. H. MOKHASHI & ASSOCIATES, Advocate,
No.831, Jaya Shanti Nele, 2nd floor,
1st E Main Road, Girignagar 2nd Stage,
Bangalore – 560 085, **Ph : 26720175,**
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Economy geared up to reach One-Trillion-Dollar mark

Economy of Uttar Pradesh is growing at a rapid pace to reach the one-trillion-dollar mark set as target for the state. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath fixed this target when he committed himself to transforming the economic conditions of the state. The first major step towards economic restructuring of the state came in the form of organizing a grand investors' summit as the state needed big industrial investments for coming out of the economic stupor it had been in for a long time. The summit proved to be a grand success where the country's top industrial houses, such as Tatas, Ambanis, Adanis, Godrej, Birlas and other big investors rubbed shoulders with a large number of foreign investors. The summit resulted in MoUs worth Rs. 4.68 lakh crore. Investors were convinced with the state's improved law and order, and positive intentions to foster industries through every possible means. The government had before organizing the summit brought about desirable policy changes to create an environment conducive to investments.

The success of this investors' summit started a chain reaction among the global investors who started looking for investment opportunities in the state. Dozens of foreign ambassadors started visiting UP to explore the investment climate in this state. As a result of the visible positive changes, many foreign companies chose Uttar Pradesh for investment. More firms turned to UP when international investment environment changed following the spread of Covid-19 pandemic and firms started moving away from China. At least 10 major multinationals of American, British, German and South Korean origin invested more than Rs. 66,000 crore in setting up their operations in UP. Investment commitments of more than Rs 50,000 crore were received for the Defence Corridor alone. And, all this was happening in Uttar Pradesh that had been deserted by entrepreneurs in the past. The change in investors' behaviour may be ascribed only to the efforts of the Yogi government that simplified the investment process. This was made transparent and further attractive by introducing Quick Investment Promotion Policy. Nivesh Mitra was developed as a single-window portal to process all permissions and clearances from different departments required for setting up industrial units. The portal also offers all other required services including guidance and support to the potential and existing entrepreneurs in a time bound manner. As a result of such developments, the state has moved up to second position in the 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings at all-India level. Earlier it was at 14th position.

Samsung, Britannia, AB Mauri UK, Dixon Technologies, Surya Global, Flexi Films, Acagrata Inc. of Canada, Edison Motors South Korea and Yajik Japan are investing here. The government move of making sector specific policies like the pharma policy, data policy, revised MSME policy and start-ups policy etc has paid rich dividends and accelerated the overall growth.

Investments prompt local skills

Industrial units operated by local entrepreneurs employing local skills and catering to local needs are the key components in turning Uttar Pradesh into a trillion-dollar-economy. Recognizing this very well, Yogi Adityanath has laid great emphasis on the development and promotion of this sector, due to which capital investments worth Rs 4.00 lakh crore have been made in the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in Uttar Pradesh during the past 57 months. Even during the Corona-hit period when entrepreneurship and industrial activities had come to a standstill all over the world, 415 MSME units were given NOC in Uttar Pradesh.

- **Unique step to identify and market unique products of each district**
- **MSME became the most attractive sector of capital investment**
- **In the last four and a half years, about Rs 4 lakh crore was invested in the MSME sector.**
- **In 'Ease of Doing Business', UP has moved from 14th place to second place**
- **10 major companies of the US, United Kingdom, Germany and South Korea invested Rs. 66,000 crore in their units in the state.**
- **Impractical rules hindering change of land use from agricultural to non-agricultural in rural areas scrapped.**
- **Exports grew by 35 percent to Rs 1,21,139 crore in 2020-21**

In fact, the MSMEs i.e. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sector, have shown the path to revitalize an economy that had been dependent on external debts and central assistances. A new confidence has been gained and investments of Rs 4 lakh crore in this sector are a proof to this assertion. It was this sector that held the economy intact by retaining 1.90 crore workers in Uttar Pradesh during the Covid-induced lockdown. Also, the government provided financial assistance to lakhs of MSME units to help them sustain and create newer employment opportunities. These moves arranged lakhs of fresh direct employment opportunities in existing units while more than 2.5 crore people got indirect employment. The sector already had 48.13 lakh workers before induction of new workers.

Risk-taking ensured success

The innovative approach of the Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also developed a new sector within the traditional MSMEs. It was promoted under a scheme named One District One Product 'ODOP'. For the first time an exhibition of location-specific products of all 75 districts of the state was organized by the MSME Department in Lucknow in the year 2018 for promotion and branding of ODOP. Well-known investors from across the country were invited. These products were branded and ultimately turned out to be huge success. One of the benefits of ODOP was that it prompted production of famous location-specific products at micro industrial scales in villages. Packaging and marketing activities were incorporated with the products and those emerged as a new force in the rural economy. Initial success of the experiment led to broaden the horizon of training and managerial support to these industries through Common Facility Centres established in all districts. These CFCs are also working on cluster development for these products. Eminent fashion designers of the country have been associated with these clusters. The products have been brought under the ambit of quality control. Its pilot project has been started in Prayagraj and arrangements have been made to connect the workers to the training center as per the marketing needs.

The Yogi government has so far disbursed a loan of Rs 2.5 lakh crore in the MSME sector. In the year 2020-21, loans worth Rs 73,765 crore were disbursed. Another Rs. 71,080 crore were given in the year 2019-20, Rs 57,809 crore in 2018-19 and Rs 46,594 crore in 2017-18. A survey of three lakh units has been conducted to assess the progress and increase in employment potential of the units to which these loans were provided. The conclusion of this survey is that the loan is used in the right place, in the right way and these led to employment for 2.6 crore people in the state.

Exports grow with new export policy

The success of the MSMEs means not only production but also exports. Due to the strength of this sector, there has been a lot of progress in the export sector. A new export policy has been formulated. Export Development Centers have been set up at the district level. As a result, the export which was Rs 88,967 crore in 2017-18 increased by 35 per cent to Rs 1,21,139 crore in 2020-21. If we look at the figures of exports from 2017 till now, it shows continuous progress despite the corona lockdown, Starting with exports worth Rs. 88,967.42 crore in the year 2017-18, the volume in the next year 2018-19 grew to Rs 1,44,042.67 crore. Beyond this, the growth became a regular trend and in spite of constraints of corona and lockdown there increase in exports was registered in years 2019-20 and 2020-2021.

Modification in laws makes them practical

Whie pushig the state's economy towards greater speed of progress, the Yogi government has also changed impractical agricultural laws. An impractical law that hindered declaring agricultural land as non-agricultural was abolished with a view to give thrust to entrepreneurship and employment creation in villages. Now, there is nor requirement to engage in unnecessary expenditure of erecting boundary walls on non-agricultural land. This would benefit small entrepreneurs and the money thus saved can now be used as reserve capital for productive activities. To establish an enterprise, the enterprise should be started on the land declared as non-agricultural, for this condition has been added that within five years of declaring non-agricultural land, the enterprise will have to be started there on that land. This has given a much needed fillip to the rural industries in MSME sector.

UP emerges as a power-surplus state

In contemporary age, any kind of development cannot be thought of without electricity. Be it industry or business or agriculture or education or any other economic activity, the power is needed everywhere. However, despite such importance of electricity in all walks of life, Uttar Pradesh was a power deficient state till the year 2017. At any given moment, a large part of the state to remain in darkness as the supply used to be less than the demand. Industries and businesses in the state were suffering due to lack of electricity, agricultural fields often remained unirrigated for want of power supply on time. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath paid attention to this soon after formation of his government in the state. Steps taken since then have changed the scenario and now sufficient power is available in the state. To make the state self-reliant in the field of energy, the Yogi government brought about a number of major changes. Before the year 2017, The state that was prior to 2017 categorized "Less power state" is now in the "surplus power state" category. Various power generations projects totalling to 8,262 MW of installed capacity are in the final stages. On completion of these projects, the availability of electricity will increase further by the year 2022. Presently the total power generation capacity is 28,422 MW, which is about 6,000 MW more than the capacity before March 2017.

Apart from increment in power generation capacity in the state, the government has been duly conscious over increasing the transmission capacity. In the past four and a half years, there has been a 53 percent increase in transmission capacity. Further work on transmission projects worth Rs 61 crore is in progress. Along with this, 11 new transmission substations have been functionalized.

Consumer is the King

The Electricity Department changed its approach towards consumers and started treating them with due respect for the first time after the formation of Yogi government in the state. The department that in the past never felt urgency in releasing connections or resolving issues raised by the consumers on priority was made to follow the policy "Consumer Devo Bhava". With this new attitude towards the consumers, the department created a record by giving regular electricity connections to more than 2.93 crore households. This includes 1.41 crore free electricity connections given under the Saubhagya Yojana.

With the improved power generation in the state, the district headquarters started getting electricity for 24 hours, tehsil headquarters for 22 hours and villages for 18 hours. The uninterrupted power availability in the villages has also led to rise of industrial and business activities resulting in creation of new job opportunities.

No increase in tariffs

The Yogi Adityanath government has under its commitment to provide electricity to the consumers at cheaper rates entered Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) at the rate of Rs 2.98 to Rs. 4.19. As a result, there has been no increase in electricity tariff since the last years. Work is also being done on other options like reduction in line losses for providing power at further cheaper rates. Prior to the year 2017, long-term PPAs were done at the rates as high as Rs. 5.14 to Rs. 11.09 per unit. During the Covid-affected period in the recent past, the government waived for the first time one month's surcharge for industrial and commercial category consumers. It was availed by 1.93 lakh consumers.

Underground cabling

The Yogi government also took concrete steps to prevent theft and increasing accidents due to open electric wires. Under this, the process of replacing open wires with AB cabling in villages with a population of one thousand and more was started. Under the underground cabling works, 6,035.70 km LT and 924.98 km HT line have been laid under various projects in 32 locations and 68 circles in 24 districts.

673 new power sub-stations

For uninterrupted and tripping free power supply to Uttar Pradesh, 673 new power sub-stations have been constructed and the capacity of 1,347 sub-stations has been increased. Along with this, connections were provided to more than 1.36 lakh private tube wells. During the same period, 7,786.52 circuit kilometer 33 KV lines were constructed. In the one-time settlement scheme, more than 67 lakh consumers were given interest rebate. The entire surcharge was waived off the domestic electricity bills of 21,25,543 consumers and 39,767 private tube wells of farmers. An annual subsidy of Rs 12,500 crore has been arranged to provide affordable electricity to the farmers and the poor. Electricity is being provided to the farmers at Rs 1.20 per unit.

Speedy disposal of complaints

The state government has implemented an effective system of repair and installation of new transformers within 48 and 24 hours, respectively, in case of transformer failure in rural and urban areas. A total of 8.30 lakh complaints of transformer failure were received since April 2017, out of which 99.95 percent transformers were replaced on time. During this period, out of total 14.19 lakh complaints received, 14.15 lakh i.e. 99.59 percent complaints were resolved on time.

Yogi government also repealed the anti-farmer system of disallowing tube well connections in the dark zone and 1,36,775 new tube well connections were given in the interest of farmers. Under the Ujala scheme, 2,60,81,668 LED bulbs were distributed. This resulted in reduction in power demand by 700 MW annually and 3,385 million units of electricity valuing Rs 1,355 crore.

Additional energy sources

Considering the importance of energy, the Yogi Adityanath government of Uttar Pradesh has also done important work towards increasing additional energy sources. The government promulgated a new solar energy policy and approved proposals worth Rs 7,500 crore for generation of 1,535 MW. Presently 24 solar projects of 420 MW capacity are in operation. With this the solar power generation has now increased to 1350 MW. The government is giving 100% exemption in stamp duty on the installation of solar power units.

Solar rooftops

Yogi government has installed solar rooftop of 235 MW capacity. Under the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Solar Street Light Scheme, 25,569 solar streetlights have been installed in rural markets. Along with this, 13,791 solar streetlight plants have also been set up in selected revenue villages under Mukhyamantri Samagra Gram Vikas Yojana. Apart from this, 19,579 solar pumps and 180 MW capacity solar power generation units worth Rs 720 crore have also been installed.

Under the Bio-Energy Enterprise Promotion Policy, private investment of Rs 2,492 crore has been invited. Solar power projects of 4,000 MW capacity are also operating in Bundelkhand. Energy Conservation Building Code-2018 has been implemented for energy saving in commercial buildings. 1.80 lakh solar power pack plants were installed in the homes of poor rural families. So far 3,400 solar RO water plants have been installed in primary schools also. Along with this, 25,777 solar streetlights have been installed for street lighting in rural areas.

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AFTER HOURS

Ear for Music

Dr Rohit Udaya Prasad, an ENT specialist, is also a professional violinist who has been performing on stage for the past 25 years

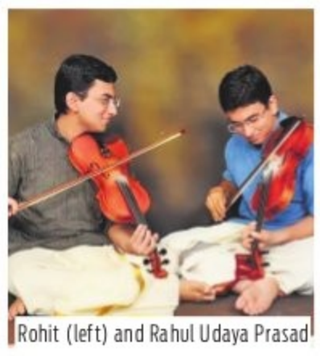
MONIKA MONALISA

IRRESPECTIVE of what one's profession is, there is always a passion which keeps them going. For Dr Rohit Udaya Prasad, a consultant ENT & cochlear implant surgeon from Bengaluru, it's the violin.

Playing the musical instrument for the past 25 years and doing stage shows along with his twin brother Dr Rahul Udaya Prasad, a neonatologist at Sydney Children's Hospital, the experience has been nothing less than therapy. But it was not the first instrument that he was exposed to. "When we were younger, we used to play the mridangam. But at the age of nine, we started learning the violin. And after intense training, we started doing stage shows," says Prasad, who has always performed as a duet along with his twin brother.

The duo has performed in various places in Bengaluru like Alliance Française de Bangalore, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan to name a few. "We continued to perform till our MBBS days. Since a musical programme needs a lot of planning and preparation, I have not been able to do it for the past few years. Since my brother is in Sydney and I am preoccupied with work, I hardly get time for performances," says the 36-year-old, who was born in Mysuru.

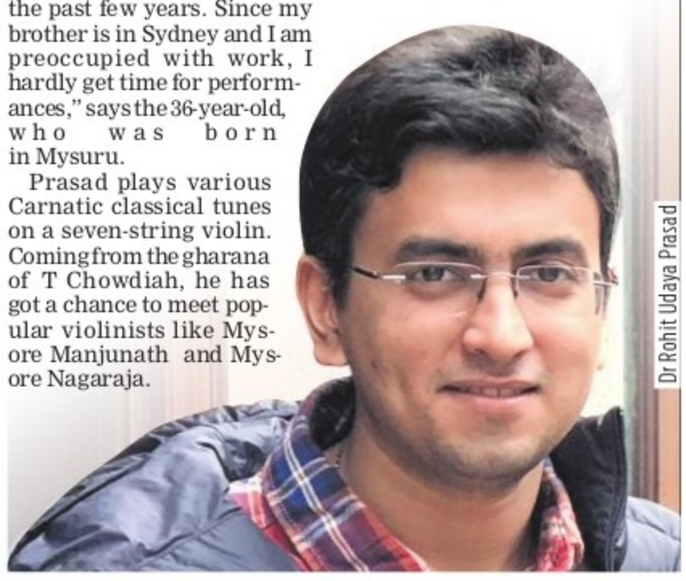
Prasad plays various Carnatic classical tunes on a seven-string violin. Coming from the gharana of T Chowdiah, he has got a chance to meet popular violinists like Mysore Manjunath and Mysore Nagaraja.



Rohit (left) and Rahul Udaya Prasad

Not just as a mode of relaxation, practising the violin has always helped him in his profession as well. "Composing a musical piece needs a lot of planning to ensure the right execution. This is essential in any profession. Apart from that, playing a seven-stringer instrument needs a lot of hand-body coordination, which again comes in handy while performing surgeries," says Prasad, who also listens to music during his surgeries to keep him calm.

Although in recent times he has not done many stage performances, Prasad makes it a point to have regular *riyaz* sessions. Once his brother is back from Australia, he hopes for the show to go on.



Dr Rohit Udaya Prasad

CITY READ

Education institution organises Fresher's Day

Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT) recently organised Fresher's Day and also commenced the first year B.E./ B.Arch classes. The programme was presided by the chief guest Prof HP Khincha, chairman, Karnataka State Innovation Council and former vice chancellor, VTU, Belagavi and Aravind B Jatti, former chairman, Jatti Motors and also the distinguished alumnus of MSRIT. Khincha welcomed the young engineering aspirants who entered the portals of the institution. During his keynote address, he highlighted the thought process behind getting into the engineering profession and the various parameters around opting for the course.

SANATH PRASAD

Shobhaa De's short stories come alive in Lockdown Liaisons, directed by theatre personality Lillete Dubey on Jan 12

LOCKDOWN IN PLAY

THE lockdown due to the pandemic has left many scars – emotionally, financially, and psychologically. Faced by uncertainty after 2020 and 2021, here are stories that focus on varying degrees of emotions layered with multiple situations created by the lockdown, and enacted through monologues.

The Bangalore chapter of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI FLO), an industrial organisation for empowering women, is collaborating with Mumbai-based theatre group The Primetime Theatre Company to present *Lockdown Liaisons*, a collection of five stories written by Shobhaa De, produced and directed by Lillete Dubey.

Curated by Revathi Raju, chairman, FLO Bengaluru chapter, the anthology, enacted by Dubey, Joy Sengupta and Ira Dubey, explores the different voices and attitudes to the lockdown and its fall out. A couple who is exposed to each other's true colours during the lockdown, a migrant worker who has to choose between his lover and family as he treks to his village hundreds of miles away, a woman juggling multiple characters and emotions, and a man who cannot deal with his wife's denial of his sexual needs – the anthology offers five different templates of emotions and situations that emerged during the lockdown.

Lillete Dubey

Joy Sengupta

Inspired by personal life experiences, putting the act together for Sengupta was an 'enjoyable' experiment. Theatre practitioner Sengupta is performing a monologue for two plays – *Leaving* and *A Quest Ends*, where he plays the role of a migrant worker and banker, respectively. "The lockdown exposed different classes of people to different levels of difficulties. I play the roles of a working class person and an upper class person in the two different plays which are contrasting in nature. I have heavily borrowed inputs from my personal connections and have improvised using my style ," says Sengupta, who will also be performing for the first time in Bengaluru after the pandemic.

However, for Ira, the challenges are multiple. She will be performing two plays –*Vodka and No Tonic* and *A Whiff of Eternity*– that come with different shades of characters. "When Shobhaa De approached my mum (Lillete Dubey) and I with the book, the narration of the stories itself was very surreal. However, translating these short stories into a visual experience was quite challenging. The second play of mine is more complicated because I perform an 18-minute solo piece in which I play nine different characters," says Dubey.

Raju believes that FLO Bengaluru presents the play as a breather from the hustle and bustle of life. "We stand for networking and have fun by giving a platform to showcase different art forms. Organising theatre plays is one such initiative. The event is also a fundraiser which will benefit social organisations that we have shortlisted and also some which will go to skill-based programmes that we are operating in a village in Mandya," says Raju.

(*Lockdown Liaisons will be performed at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, Vyalikaval on January 12, 7pm. For tickets, visit bookmyshow.com*)

Shobhaa De

STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY: ReshaMandi is a Bengaluru-based startup founded by Mayank Tiwari and co-founded by Saurabh Agarwal, and Utkarsh Apoorva in May 2020. It is a B2B marketplace that digitises the natural silk supply chain by integrating and creating streamlined marketing channels for silk producers.

FINANCE FUNDA: As a part of seed funding led by Omnivore and Strive Ventures, the startup raised $1.7M in March 2021.

USP: It offers farmers- scientific cocoon grading, AI-led disease detection, IoT- led monitoring services, AI-engabled crop tracking and assessing crop risks as features. It also provides a platform for weavers to connect with retailers, and ensure quality and effective delivery control measures. For silk reelers, the platform offers scientifically graded cocoon procurement, fair pricing and AI-led yarn grading and linkages.

TARGET AUDIENCE: The company is also working closely with over 10,000 silk farmers, 560 reeling plants and 4,380 weaving units across Karnataka, Varanasi, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(From left) Saurabh Agarwal, Mayank Tiwari and Utkarsh Apoorva

Festivities, food and laughter marked the last couple of weeks. Now, as B'lureans return to work, here's how they are breaking out of the holiday fatigue

Fatigue after fun

MONIKA MONALISA

AFTER all the New Year fun and festive break, it's back to work for many. And it's definitely not easy. On Monday when many logged in for work, blues kicked in and how.

Take, for instance, Sneha Prasad who attended back-to-back celebrations in December. With two weddings – one in Goa and other in Kolkata, which was followed by New Year celebrations – it was a hectic end to the year. Now, back to reality, virtually though, it has been a task to get herself back to work mentally. "I started the day with a pep talk with the team... telling them it's the first Monday of the year, let's be back with a great enthusiasm etc. Sometimes enthusiasm has to be faked," says Prasad, a marketing professional, with a laugh. On a serious note, she adds that working from home only adds to this fatigue. "There is no real break like the 'water cooler conversations' that happen in an office," she says.

However, for actor Kavya Shetty, the course turned out to be completely opposite. Shetty has been busy shooting for the past two months, and the New Year turned out to be a homecoming. "Yes, there is fatigue but it's from the work I was doing. It involved a lot of travel. So coming home has been a blessing for me," says Shetty.

Ragini Chandran, who runs a dance and Pilates' institute, says that she and her actor-husband, Prajwal, didn't party hard because of the rise in the Covid cases. "However, since I am into fitness and dance, there is never a dull day. Now it's virtual classes, but hope we can resume normal classes soon," says Chandran.

Sneha Prasad

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10 am to 8 pm | Valet Parking | Entry fee Rs.60
Safety protocols in place

COMEDY UNPLUGGED

'Please Interrupt Me' is a concept where the audience can do whatever they wish and comedian Nishant Tanwar asks you to interrupt. This will be held at multiple venues in the city.
When: Jan 8-9
Details: bookmyshow.com

LIVE TOUR

Raghu Dixit Project is going on multi-city tour across India. Catch the band live as they perform some old favourites, new tunes from the upcoming album and an all-new set.
When: Ongoing
Details: insider.in

OUT AND ABOUT

Plan a weekend getway and hike up to Kodachadri trek. You can explore the beautiful rainforest and waterfalls in and around the premises.
When: Jan 7 onwards **Details:** highape.com

WINE N' DINE

Dance the night away at Boomrang BarXsocial in Koramangala as DJ Hassan spins Bollywood music from the early 2000s to today's top hits.
When: Jan 6
Details: highape.com

TAKE A CHILL PILL WITH COMEDIAN **JASPREET SINGH** AS HE SHARES OBSERVATIONAL AND RELATABLE JOKES | **WHEN:** JAN 8 | **DETAILS:** INSIDER.IN

Musical Concert

An evening filled with music of different genres from renowned singers, Saarya Creations invites you to 'Raagadhare' at Gayana Samaja, Basavanagudi. This event is in support of fellow singers.
When: Jan 8
Details: bookmyshow.com

Lettuce Compost

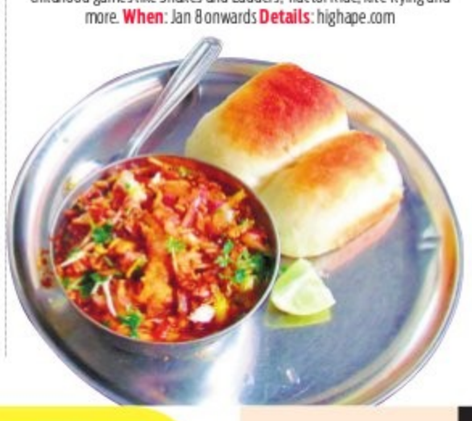
Learn how to compost at home through this 90-minute workshop with Shipra Agarwal and Shaun Dourado. Pick up the different types of composting, how it really works and simple tips to keep in mind for beginners. **When:** Jan 8
Details: insider.in

Pot Stories

Learn everything you need to know about hand-building and wheel-throwing at the Potter Workshop held at Lahe Lahe, Indiranagar. **When:** Jan 8 onwards **Details:** insider.in

Farm to Fork

Check out Hurda-Ponkh (raw jowar millet) Harvest Festival at Make My Garden, Begur, and relish rustic Maharashtrian food. You can also relive childhood games like Snakes and Ladders, Tractor Ride, kite flying and more. **When:** Jan 8 onwards **Details:** highape.com



Digital Art Festival

The 10th edition of Attakkalari India Biennial opens with a show 'Sthavara - Jangama' at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur.
Tickets: ₹300 **When:** Jan 8 **Details:** bookmyshow.com

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com

VEGAN FRENCH TOAST

INGREDIENTS

- **Vegan bread:** 1 pckt ■ **Maple syrup:** 1 tsp ■ **Vegan butter/oil**
- **Plant mylk** (almond/coconut/cashew/oat): 1/4 cup
- **Bananas:** 3 ■ **Cinnamon powder:** 1 tsp
- **Brown/coconut/palm sugar:** 1 tsp

METHOD

- Blend the plant mylk, bananas, cinnamon powder, sugar and maple syrup together.
- Dip each bread slice into the mixture and shallow-fry in a pan with some vegan butter/oil. Serve with maple syrup, choco chips, bananas, berries, almonds or powdered sugar. **Tip:** Use only a non-stick pan

— Sharmistha M, Hyderabad

FIT BIT

PARIVRTTA PARSHVA UTTHITA TRIKONASANA

(REVOLVED SIDE EXTENDED TRIANGLE POSE)

This standing twist pose requires a sense of balance. It focuses on stretching and strengthening the legs, knees and ankles. It provides deep stretches into the groin, spine, and shoulders. The torso in this pose is revolved sideways while making an angle from the back stretched leg. Traditionally, it activates Manipura (third) chakra, which is the body's energy and vitality center and activating it through this asana is to dispel fear and insecurity.

STEPS

- Stand in Tadasana (Mountain Pose).
- Inhale deeply, jump and spread the legs 3 to 3.5 feet apart.
- Raise the arms sideways, in line with the shoulders, palms facing down. Keep the arms parallel to the floor.
- Turn the left foot sideways 90 degrees to the left. Turn the right foot slightly to the left, keeping the right leg stretched from the inside and tightened at the knee.
- Exhale, twist your body and trunk to the left, bringing the right palm near the left knee.
- Grab onto the shin, keep your head on the left knee, gaze upward.
- Stretch the left arm down, bringing it in line with the knee and grab onto the shin. Both the palms, knees and head are in a line. Keep both the knees locked tight by pushing the knee-caps.
- Remain in this position from 30 seconds to a minute, breathing deeply and evenly. Then, lift the right palm. Inhale and release your left palm.
- Now, you can repeat the same procedure on the other side.
- Exhale, jump, and come back to the original pose.

BENEFITS

- Best for abdominal organs, cures constipation, and aids in normal bowel movement.
- Maintains blood flow and helps in detoxifying the toxins.
- Helps in losing weight especially around the hips.
- Makes body flexible and strengthens the spine. Tones the ankles, calves, groin, and quads.
- Makes the thighs and knees firm, providing them strength and endurance.
- Relieves lower back pain and sciatica.
- Expands the lungs' capacity. Helps relieve stress, improves digestion.

LIMITATIONS

- If you have high or low blood pressure, migraines, hip/neck injury and an insomniac, avoid this.
- Women should avoid it during pregnancy.

By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science), at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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Host Brandon Henderson discusses the origin, evolution, and alternative meanings of words chosen by weekly guests including comedians, actors, and musicians.
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TUMNE KISI SE KABHI PYAAR KIYA HAI

Tumne Kisi Se Kabhi Pyaar Kiya Hai has recently dropped its season 2. Co-produced by creator Lakshya Datta and JioSaavn Originals, the podcast has over 1.3 million streams. The format focuses on falling out of love and finding it again.
- On JioSaavn

THE TASTES OF INDIA

A podcast that has been running for years now, The Tastes of India continues to release a new episode weekly. The bilingual cooking show focuses on quick and tasty Indian recipes. Listen and add these delicious ones to your cookbook.
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I HEAR YOU

Narrated by Aahana Kumar, this thriller podcast takes you into the world of Delhi Special Bureau's ace detective, Priyamvada Parmar, whose life changes after a brutal car crash. While she lost her husband in the crash, she also gained the power to hear some supernatural noise that no one can. The noises help her to uncover some heinous crimes and even uncover certain hidden truths of her life.
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ACP Abhishek Bhargav is determined to find the culprits behind the death of his friend, DCP Bharath. His investigation takes him to Bangalore, where he uncovers revelations of an organ trade mafia.
- Cast: Sakshi Chaudhary, Shivarajkumar, Shraddha Srinath, Vivek Oberoi

LOVE MOCKTAIL

After rescuing a woman, Adi reminisces about his love life and tells her about all the heartbreaks he endured in his quest to find his true love.
- Cast: Milana Nagaraj, Kushi, Darling Krishna, Amrutha Iyengar

SANGOLLI RAYANNA

Sangolli Rayanna, the army chief of the Kingdom of Kittur and a freedom fighter, revolts against the British in a bid to oust them from the country.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Jaya Prada, Shashikumar, Nikita Thukral

KURUKSHETRA

After losing to the Kauravas in a gamble, the Pandavas go into exile and endure hardship for a number of years. Upon their return, conflict arises over the dynastic succession leading to a war.
- Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Sneha, V Ravichandran, Ambareesh

ARJUN

Police officer Arjun has strong moral values and lets criminals off with a warning. But he is in a fix when he learns that his father is paying petty criminals to help him catch big criminals.
- Cast: Darshan Thoogudeepa, Suman, Meera Chopra

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

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From village to metropolis, global flooding is on the rise, and traditional approaches to managing the swells won't cut it, says water resource engineer Virginia Smith. Giving an overview of the dynamic shift needed to stymie the flow of future storm waters, she explains how each of us can help ensure a sustainable future despite the rising tides.

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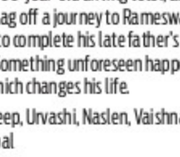
Leading the effort to decarbonize shipping by 2050, Jim Hagemann Snabe shares a plan to convert green electricity into green liquid fuel to power vessels in a process called "power-to-X" and urges global leaders to join the voyage towards an innovative and sustainable future.



3 SIRI, ALEXA, GOOGLE...WHAT COMES NEXT? BY KAREN LELLOUCHE TORDJMAN

What will the next generation of digital helpers look and sound like? Customer experience professional Karen Lellouche Tordjman gives us a glimpse of where they're headed and breaks down the two key challenges engineers need to crack in order to usher in a new age of truly smart voice assistants.

4 A NEW WAY TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH BY TOM OSBORN

TED Fellow Tom Osborn wants more young people to have access to the mental health support they need. With the Shamiri Institute, he and his team are training 18- to 22-year-olds to deliver evidence-based mental health care to their peers in Kenya.

5 HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR INSOMNIA — AND FINALLY GET TO SLEEP BY MATT WALKER

Having trouble falling asleep — or staying asleep? Alcohol, sleeping pills or drugs like cannabis may help you in the short term, but they're only a quick fix, says sleep scientist Matt Walker. There is, however, one proven way to treat your insomnia and help you get the zzz's you need.

NOW STREAMING

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ATRANGI RE (Hindi)

A Tamil boy meets a girl from Bihar. What follows is a love story for the ages. A non-linear narrative of two romances running in parallel from different timelines.
Cast: Dhanush, Sara Ali Khan, Akshay Kumar
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

MAANADU (Tamil)

On the day of a public conference by the state's chief minister, his bodyguard and a police officer become stuck in a time loop.
Cast: Silambarasan, Kalyani Priyadarsan, SJ Suryah, Anjena Kirti
- Watch on: Sony LIV

MINNAL MURALI (Malayalam)

A tailor gains special powers after being struck by lightning, but must take down an unexpected foe if he is to become the superhero his hometown needs.
Cast: Tovino Thomas, Guru Somasundaram, Femina George
- Watch on: Netflix

KURUP (Malayalam)

Sukumara Kurup, a consummate criminal, sets out to find a man of similar appearance to falsify his own death and claim insurance money.
Cast: Dulquer Salmaan, Sobitha Dhulipala, Tovino Thomas, Manoj Bajpayee
- Watch on: Netflix

BUNTY AUR BABLI 2 (Malayalam)

Bunty and Babli are a pair of retired con-artists. After a spate of robberies with their trademark sigil starts appearing across India, the two are forced out of retirement to find out who has been copying them.
Cast: Siddhant Chaturvedi, Saif Ali Khan, Rani Mukerji, Sharvari Wagh
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

KESHU EE VEEDINTE NADHAN (Malayalam)

Keshu, a 60-year-old driving tutor, and his family, flag off a journey to Rameswaram in order to complete his late father's final rituals. Something unforeseen happens en route, which changes his life.
Cast: Dileep, Urvashi, Naslen, Vaishnavi Venugopal
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

KONDA POLAM (Telugu)

Despite being the only well-educated man in his shepherd community, Ravi struggles to secure a job for himself. Amid his quest for employment, he must face the biggest challenge of his life.
Cast: Vaishnav Tej, Rakul Preet Singh, Nasser, Syamala
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FOREIGN

THE SILENT SEA (Korean, series)

During a perilous 24-hour mission on the moon, space explorers try to retrieve samples from an abandoned research facility steeped in classified secrets.
Cast: Gong Yoo, Bae Doona, Lee Joon, Heo Sung-Tae
- Watch on: Netflix

DON'T LOOK UP (English)

Two low-level astronomers must go on a giant media tour to warn mankind of an approaching comet that will destroy planet Earth.
Cast: Leonardo DiCaprio, Meryl Streep, Jennifer Lawrence, Ariana Grande, Timothee Chalamet
- Watch on: Netflix

ENCANTO (English)

The Madrigals are an extraordinary family who live hidden in the mountains of Colombia in a charmed place called the Encanto. The magic of the Encanto has blessed every child in the family with a unique gift — every child except Mirabel. However, she soon may be the Madrigals' last hope when she discovers that the magic surrounding the Encanto is now in danger.
Cast: Stephanie Beatriz, Diane Guerrero, Rhenzy Feliz, Jessica Darrow
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

HARRY POTTER 20TH ANNIVERSARY: RETURN TO HOGWARTS (English)

The cast from the film series 'Harry Potter' reunite and embark on a journey down memory lane with nostalgic conversations while celebrating 20 years since the first film.
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Disney+ Hotstar: ₹ 499 per year
SonyLIV: ₹ 299 per month
Prime Video: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹ 149 per month

New year and gym enrolments go hand in hand, but with Covid cases spiraling, Bengalureans are again opting for digital classes

Bhaskar Prabhu. (Left) A client at The Pilates Studio by Namrata Purohit

EXERCISING CAUTION

ANILA KURIAN

NEW Year = new resolutions. And most often, one of the top essentials is to get fit aka sign up for gym membership. This year too, the intentions remain the same, except that with the sudden rise in Covid cases, we're back to virtual modes.

IT professional Gautami Tagare, who recovered from Covid two months ago, was just planning to take up gym membership. But with news about a raging pandemic, Tagare has decided to try online workouts without the pressure of working out with a personal trainer.

"I'm worried that there'll be a lockdown. In which case, I don't want my workout schedule to get disrupted," she says.

Tushar Vashist, co-founder and CEO of HealthifyMe, says that the first day of January has been a record uptake in paid subscription to the brand's digital services. "We are noticing almost 30 times growth in four years. While in all of January 2018 we did ₹2 crore revenue, this year, we've seen ₹1 crore on the first day of the year," he says, adding that with the surge in new cases, people want to think of health more holistically. "Technology acted as a catalyst and helped curtail the limitations of in-person fitness training. Even digital fitness is becoming more personalised now," he says.

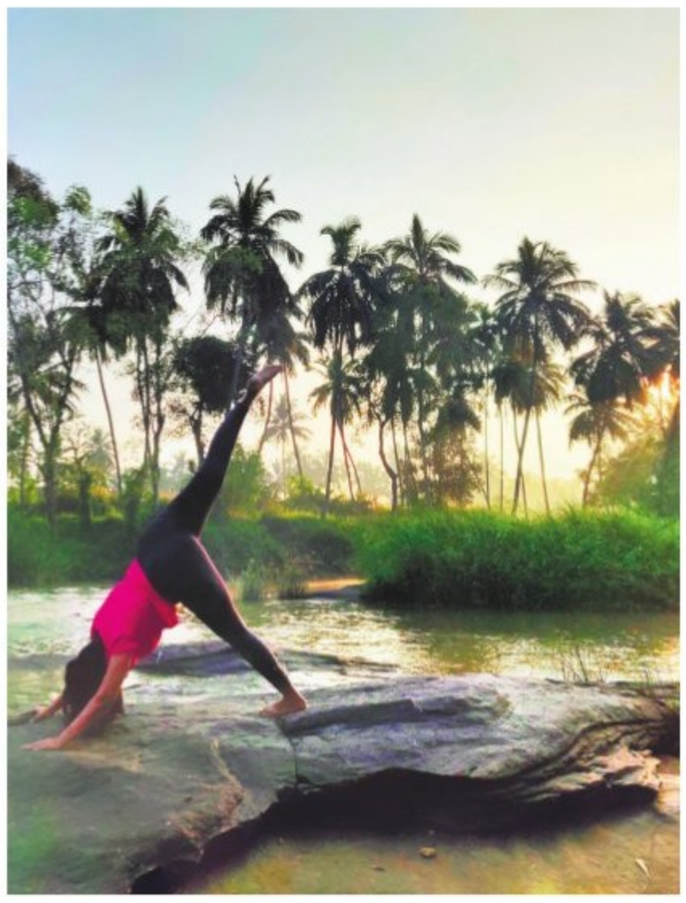
Srividya G Venkatesh, founder of 10 Elephants Yoga, an online yoga classe, has gone back to virtual sessions with her

Srividya G Venkatesh

classes across countries, including the US and UK. "Since the new variant came out, I stopped the offline yoga sessions at my apartment complex. Classes are held for about 15 people every morning so that I can give each person their required individual attention," she says.

Home trainers are also in demand once again. For instance, freelance fitness trainer Bhaskar Prabhu starts his day at 5.30 am, heading to a client's home and working with the equipment they have — something they have invested in since the lockdown. "Working with clients in the comfort of their homes will be good for their minds and will motivate them more. This way, even if there is a lockdown, the workouts don't have to stop," he says.

Those who want offline classes are mostly opting for premium health centres. Sheena Jones of The Pilates Studio by Namrata Purohit says most of their older clients who have returned now are complaining about back issues and injuries. "It's not always possible for the trainer to guide people about their postures when working out online. Since they have been practising this for the last few months, their postures have taken a toll," says Jones, adding, "We have taken all the necessary precautions, separating the spaces for each client, sanitising regularly so that people can feel safe. Since our programmes involve equipment, it's not possible to have an online version of it."



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Tushar Vashist, CEO of HealthifyMe

Virtual reality

OPEN SPACE
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AS the clock closed in on 2021, we let out the customary whoop, high-fived from a distance and shook elbows, wishing everyone a happy and prosperous year. And a safe one. At the back of our minds, we knew we were well and truly Omicronned; the coronavirus has followed us right into the New Year, and set us up on the next wave, with a new variant. The virus had said boo to the vaccine.

It's time to restrict ourselves once again to the white squares outside the department store — now freshly repainted. Time to retreat into the safety of our homes, pull up those masks and slather on sanitiser — whether we are vaxxed or not. It's time to go back to online classes, set up workstations, and bake and post our Cordon Bleu pictures. Just when we thought that we had left behind a brutal year, the world has come full circle, still in the tentacles of the virus.

Public mood, though, belies this reality. The crowds are out in force, having forgotten the losses of 2021, which continue to loom large: loss of health, life, wealth and happiness. Also loss of freedom — to roam, shop, meet friends, eat out, party, travel... The freedom to think beyond horizons. Will there ever be a return to normalcy?

Stop fretting, and get on with life, snapped the daughter. A virtual life can be quite as fulfilling. As a millennial, she should know — her life revolves around laptop and mobile, her world is full of possibilities — peopled by intrepid investors creaming the crypto market and making small piles of fortune. And digital artists dealing with NFTs. And kids taking college breaks to follow their virtual dreams. To me, making money from something intangible is still a dark mystery — crypto is too cryptic, so are the intricacies of fungibles and tokens. If I must straddle this new world, I need to start learning a new vocabulary.

Theirs is a parallel world, and they seem to be already hardwired to handle the gravitational shift brought about by the pandemic. Whatever the virus throws at them, they dodge and find solutions. Group calls, gaming teams, logging into movies simultaneously, alone yet together. Connected. And definitely not ready to miss out on life's little pleasures.

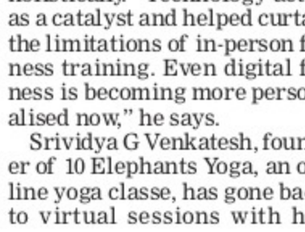
It may be a young, rootless culture, but it is adaptable and admirable. Custom-made for the new order of things. Hire a car, hire a rider, hire a meeting slot, hire office space, hire a delivery person... pay, use and keep moving. No full stops in their life. Ready to say boo to the virus.

CITY READ

Brand to exhibit Kalamkari outfits

Fashion brand Dezires by Reena and Sanjay is showcasing the new edition of Kalamkari that celebrates art, crafts, textiles and designs. The new edition titled 'Kalamkari Revamped' will feature tunics, kurtas, dresses, jackets, blouses and sarees with silhouettes combining the modern and contemporary with a blend of traditional touch. The collection focuses on reviving Kalamkari art in contemporary design apparels that carries a unique aesthetic sense.

The exhibition will take place at RainTree, Sankey Road. Details: 98800 26547



NGO and UN body to partner for a cause

The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF) and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) India will partner to enhance the effectiveness of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) scheme. An agreement was signed between Bishow Parajuli, representative and country director for WFP in India and Chanchalapthi Dasa, vice-chairman, TPAF. This partnership aims to bridge operational and execution gaps in food safety and hygiene projects, and nutritional quality.

HOW TO SET SMART MUSIC-BASED INTENTIONS IN 2022

WE have mixed feelings about the concept of New Year resolutions. While it's a great way to take positive steps in a new direction, it's a well-known fact that most of us abandon these ideals before we're a month into the New Year. This leaves us feeling a sense of despair before we've even set our targets.

What if, instead of setting resolutions, we set small and actionable intentions that move us in the direction we want to go? Here are some realistic examples of ways in which you can add more music to your life in the coming year:

- Commit to setting aside one afternoon or evening every week to learn the music style of your choice (either online or in person).
- Create a music practice routine that you can stick to. Start small, and build from there instead of starting out too enthusiastically and having it fizzle out.
- Break your resolution down into goals that you can achieve every three months (like learning some basic exercises on your favourite musical instrument). Review your progress around March, and see how you can get closer to these goals.
- Build time into your day when you're listening to different types of music more closely. If you want to learn songwriting, be sure to pay attention to lyrics from different songs. If you're learning to play the violin, listen to different styles of violin playing from around the world.
- Be honest about how you want music to play a role in your life. You don't have to become a stage performer for it to be a meaningful accomplishment. You can learn to express yourself better by writing songs. Or you can start learning more about sound engineering and technology. You can also get into the music business and learn more about distribution, marketing and promotions. Be clear about how you want music to be a part of your life, and take the right steps towards your goals accordingly.

Taking small, less overwhelming steps can help steer you towards a sustainable new routine that includes more music in it. And, while it's always fun to begin right at the beginning of the New Year (along with the rest of the world), remember: you are always one decision away from changing your life at any time of the year, too.

TUNING IN
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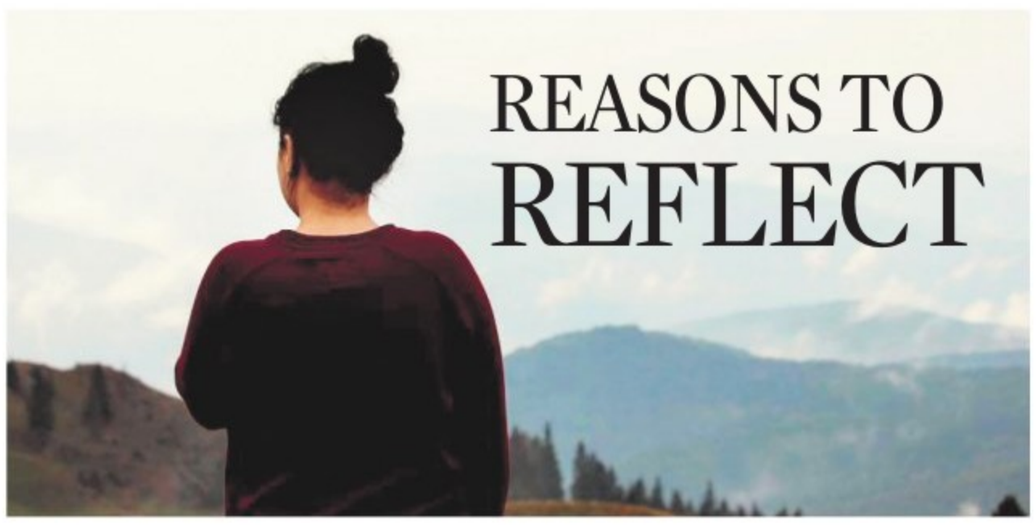
REASONS TO REFLECT



WITH the New Year here, it is a period of reflection and resolution, a time to check in and see if you are living the life you really want to live, and what you can do to make it better. Have you been happy through the last year, have you been successful, have you reasons to feel bad or have things you regret — questions like that.

For people in relationships, these questions can be tricky. What exactly is success in a relationship? How do you say your love has been rewarding? How do you assess the evidently immeasurable, intangible emotional space that exists between people? Do you measure it by the frequency and intensity of conflicts, the things you wanted to say but didn't for fear of triggering conflict? Do you count the number of times you made one another laugh, or think, or motivated one another to be better, do better? Do you look at the spaces that you were an 'us' together, and the times you were persons apart from each other, the comfort in that space or lack of it?

Do you think that love and relationships can be assessed at all?

A mentor of mine used to say, "What gets measured, gets managed." This was in the context of people management, customer satisfaction and financials of the project and the company, where we were tasked to define metrics so we can study the efficiency and effectiveness of all the processes we had put in place, and develop a balanced scorecard so that there is overall health of the organisation and that it delivered good results for all its stakeholders. The corporate jargon aside, the principle of it is possibly universal. Whatever we do, if we are conscious about what is this we are looking to experience and how do we measure it so we know whether we have achieved what we set out to achieve, we are likely to come out of it with a modicum of satisfaction, even happiness, no matter what life throws at us. Certainly, in 2020-21, we have come to know that life will throw everything and the kitchen sink at us, and yet life goes on.

Perhaps, that's really what we can take away from this year — that whatever be the ways we think about success in our lives and relationships, we need to allow for various contingencies. The ways we think of success cannot be rigid, though certainly we need to look at what's working and what's not just to make sure that we are ok, and not be caught unaware.

If we get into a relationship thinking it is going to be roses and peaches, and we hold only that as a measure of success, it just may not ever feel successful, but maybe if we just say some flowers and fruit?

Awkward metaphors aside, let's check-in on love and relationships in our lives, and when looking at its success, just make sure we balance how we think of it.

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Kireeti Reddy

DIRECTOR RADHAKRISHNA REDDY TO LAUNCH

KIREETI REDDY

The duo will be collaborating with *Eega* producer Sai Korrapati under their banner, Vaaraahi Chalana Chitram for a Kannada-Telugu bilingual

A SHARADHAA

REPORTS about political honcho Janardhana Reddy's son, Kireeti Reddy entering films did create a buzz a few years ago. His wish of entering tinsel town finally comes through, as he is set to be launched by *Maya Bazar-2016* director Radhakrishna Reddy in a youth entertainer. The duo will be collaborating with *Eega* producer Sai Korrapati under the banner, Vaaraahi Chalana Chitram for this Kannada-Telugu bilingual.

Kireeti Reddy is consciously working on all that is required to prop himself as a hero. "I took an acting course in the UK while pursuing my political and business management. Then, I got trained under Madhu's tutorial," says Kireeti, who is interested in action, and is rigorously getting trained in all forms of martial arts. "Along with acting, action is always an added benefit. I want to do my own stunts, and I am focused on getting trained in parkour and other stunts for the last six months. I have developed my dancing skills, and I regularly hit the gym too. I am equally taking time out to better myself as an actor, which will give me the confidence to face the camera," he adds.

Sai Korrapati & Radhakrishna Reddy

Coming from a political background, Kireeti Reddy's childhood wish to get into acting got wings after he watched Puneeth Rajkumar's *Jackie*, and then when he met the Power Star. "I got an opportunity to meet Appu Sir when he had visited our home back then, and we watched the hit film *Jackie* (2010), along with the Power Star. I still remember those little moments when we came out of the theatre, and he put his hands around my shoulders and had some inspiring words to tell me. His words instilled the determination in me to become an actor," he shares.

Talking about his launch, Kireeti says that the film will be a perfect youth entertainer with all the commercial elements. "I am in discussion with the director about the film, which is in the final stages of scripting. Once that gets finalised, the team will make an official announcement. However, the preparation is going on from my end," says Kireeti, adding, "During my stay in UK I had watched Radhakrishna's *Mayabazar* and I was impressed with the making. I also wanted to collaborate with a young director, because they come with fresh ideas. We met a couple of times, and everything fell in place."

Ask Kireeti Reddy about the support from his father, and he had interesting facts to reveal. "My dad himself was interested in films. Back then, he wanted to become a director and even went to Chennai, where he did some groundwork and assisted some film directors in a handful of films. However his aspirations changed, and he came back to our hometown and got into the business," says Kireeti Reddy, who signs off saying, "In a way, I will also be fulfilling my father's dream."

ANUSHREE SIGNS A CULT HORROR DRAMA

The film that marks the debut of Prabhakaran, backed by Lohith Production, explores devil worship still followed in certain societies

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ANUSHREE, a popular television presenter and actor, who has worked in films like *Benki Patna, Uppu Huli Khara,* and *RingMaster, and Tubelight* has signed her next after a gap of 4 years. She will be playing the lead in this yet-to-be-titled project, a cult horror drama directed by Prabhakaran. The latter, who has previously worked with Lohith H in films like *Mummy-Save Me* and *Devaki,* is now marking his directorial debut with this film.

Anushree will be seen in a unique role in the film, which explores the cult of devil worship seen in some Western societies, and is reported to have been inspired by a few real-life episodes. Billed to be a horror drama, the makers are bringing some unique elements and is said to be the first-of-its-kind attempt in Indian cinema.

Backed by MS Parthiban, Punith H, the team who have commenced with a script pooja, are gearing up to begin the shoot, and the film's title is expected to be unveiled this month.

An excited Anushree is happy to be back on the silver screen. "It's been almost 4 years since I picked up a project. Not that I stayed away from films, but nothing interesting came by," says the anchor and actor, adding, "I have watched Lohith's debut project, *Mummy-Save Me*. I liked the making and the way he presented the horror. This film is now made under his banner, and is equally interesting."

Anushree will have multiple shades in the film, and the entire shooting will be held in the vintage backdrop of Goa in one stretched schedule.

Krish Kymal, an ad filmmaker, who has worked in approximately 1000 commercials will be making his debut as DOP. in this film, and the team is yet to finalise the music director.

Anushree

Duniya Vijay

DUNIYA VIJAY ONBOARD *NBK 107*

Directed by Gopichand Malineni, NBK 107 will go on floors after Sankranti

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WE had reported earlier that Kannada actor Duniya Vijay is making his Telugu debut in Nandamuri Balakrishna's upcoming film *NBK 107*. The makers of the film, on Monday, announced that Duniya Vijay is part of the cast and will be playing the antagonist of the Gopichand Malineni directorial. That's not all, the team had also released the first look poster of Vijay from the film.

"This is going to be an ideal launch for Duniya Vijay in Telugu as Gopichand Malineni is known for making all his negative characters devilishly charming. The conflict and the confrontation between Balakrishna and Vijay will thrill the audience to bits," read a statement from Mythri Movie Makers, the production house of *NBK 107*.

Inspired by true events, the film is tentatively titled Jai Balayya and will go on floors after Sankranti. Shruti Haasan, who earlier worked with Gopichand in films—*Balupu* and Krack—is on board as the female lead of the film. Music of the film is by SS Thaman, while Sai Madhav Burra is penning the dialogues.

John Abraham, wife test positive for COVID-19

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BOLLYWOOD actor John Abraham and his wife Priya Runchal have tested positive for COVID-19. On Instagram stories, John said they have mild symptoms and are isolating at home. They are both vaccinated.

"I came in contact with 3 days ago with someone who I later learned had Covid. Priya and I have tested positive for Covid. We have been quarantined at home so haven't been in contact with anyone else," John wrote.

"We are both vaccinated and experiencing mild symptoms. Please stay well and healthy. Mask up," he added.

John celebrated his 49th birthday last month. The actor had two theatrical releases in 2021, *Mumbai Saga* and *Satyameva Jayate 2*. His upcoming film is *Attack* (January 28, 2022). He will also be seen in *Ek Villain Returns* and the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer *Pathan*.

John Abraham & Priya Runchal

Ekta Kapoor

EKTA KAPOOR TESTS COVID-19 POSITIVE

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BOLLYWOOD producer Ekta Kapoor has tested positive for Covid-19. In a note posted online, Ekta said that despite taking all precautions, she has contracted the virus.

"Despite taking all precautions I have tested covid positive. I am fine and I request everyone who has come in contact with me to please test themselves," Ekta wrote.

On Monday, Bollywood actor John Abraham and his wife Priya Runchal tested positive for Covid-19. The couple is isolating with mild symptoms.

Other celebrities to have contracted the virus recently include director Rahul Rawail, actors Mrunal Thakur, Nora Fatehi, and Arjun Kapoor.

Ekta is the head of Balaji Telefilms and its verticals. She produced the comedy-drama *Pagglait* last year. Her upcoming productions are *Ek Villain Returns, Goodbye*, and *Dobaaraa*.

Shefali Shah

Shefali Shah on *Human* character: Dr. Gauri is unpredictable

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THE trailer for Disney+ Hotstar's *Human* was recently launched. The series, directed by Vipul Amrutlal Shah and Mozez Singh, is a medical thriller based on human drug trials in India. It is headlined by Shefali Shah and Kirti Kulhari with Vishal Jethwa, Ram Kapoor, Seema Biswas, Aditya Srivastava and Mohan Agashe.

Shefali says that her character in Human, Dr. Gauri Nath, is a complex one. "(She) is a Pandora's box. You don't know what hits you at each moment. She's complicated, unpredictable and indecipherable. Not only is 'She' unlike anyone I've played before, I don't know nor have heard of anyone like her."

In *Human,* a giant pharmaceutical company is using India's lax clinical trial rules to fast-track the development of a new drug, despite lethal side effects. 35-year-old Dr. Saira Sabharwal (Kirti) lands a dream job in Bhopal's premier hospital under the mentorship of the iconic Dr. Gauri Nath. Saira grows under Gauri's tutelage and the two women start to form a deep bond over their commitment to the medical cause.